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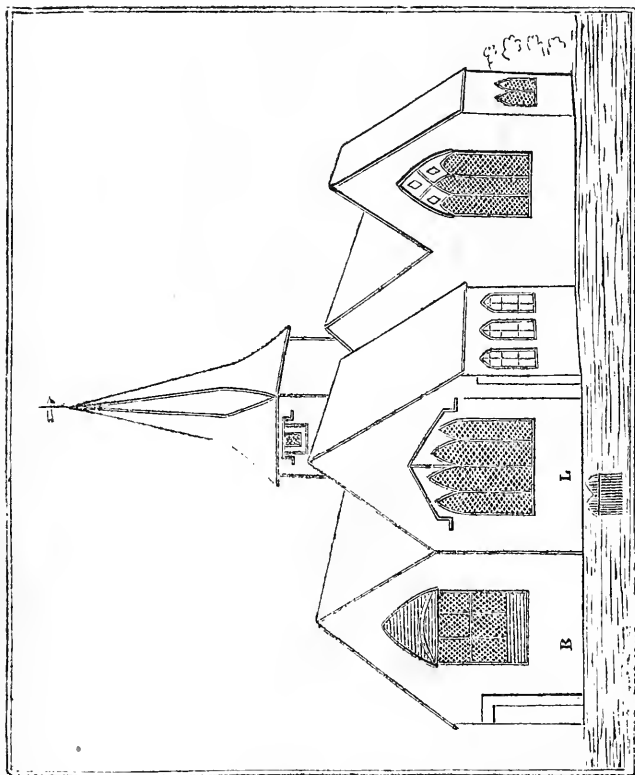








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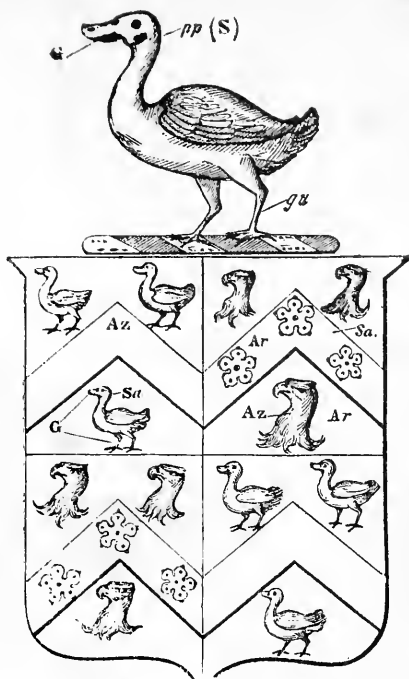


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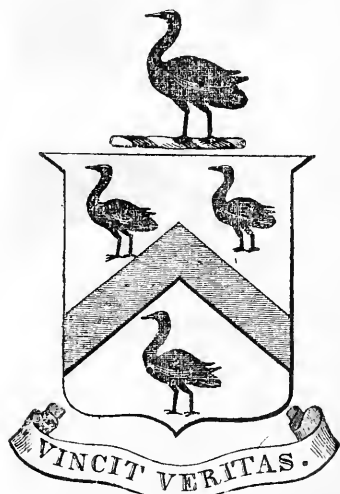
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KILBURN, [London, and Hawkehurst in Kent.]



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KILBORNE, and Kilburne, (*Lincolnshire*.) "Argent Cheveron. Azure between three bald coots, close, sable, heads argent, beaks tawny. Crest—bald coot proper.—*Edmonson's Heraldry*."



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# THE FAMILY MEMORIAL.

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A  
HISTORY AND GENEALOGY  
OF THE  
KILBOURN FAMILY,  
IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA  
FROM THE YEAR 1635 TO THE PRESENT TIME.

INCLUDING EXTRACTS FROM ANCIENT RECORDS, COPIES OF OLD WILLS, BIO-  
GRAPHICAL SKETCHES, EPITAPHS, ANECDOTES, ETC.  
WITH AN ENGRAVING OF THE KILBURNE "COAT OF ARMS."

BY PAYNE KENYON KILBOURN,  
MEMBER OF THE CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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*Late Representative in the Congress of the United States,*

THIS MEMORIAL IS INSCRIBED,

AS A TRIBUTE OF FRIENDSHIP AND ESTEEM,

BY HIS KINSMAN,

THE AUTHOR.





## ADVERTISEMENT.

THE printing of this volume was commenced in 1845, and has necessarily progressed slowly, in consequence of the difficulties and delays in obtaining authentic materials, occasioned often by the tardiness of correspondents and the indifference of those who should have been interested in the matter. The author takes pleasure in commending it to those for whom it is especially designed—the KILBOURN Family of America.—Though he cannot flatter himself that his work is destitute of errors, he still believes it to be freer from them than the generality of books of the kind. He would here express his acknowledgments to the Hon. JAMES KILBOURNE, of Worthington, Ohio ; AUSTIN KILBOURN and N. GOODWIN, Esqrs., of Hartford, Conn. ; Maj. EDWARD KILBOURNE, of Fort Madison, Iowa ; Hon. IRA KILBURN, of Lawrenceville, Pa. ; Rev. WM. S. PORTER, of Farmington, Conn., and others, for their valuable assistance in collecting genealogical and other facts.

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# T H E K I L B O U R N

**Historical and Genealogical Society.**

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AT a primary meeting of several members of the KILBOURN Family of the United States, holden at the Astor House, in the city of New York, Saturday, the 15th of April, 1848, (being the two hundred and thirteenth anniversary of the embarkation of the ancestors of said family from London for New England,) J. SAGE KILBOURN, *M. D.*, of the city of New York, was called to the chair, and PAYNE KENTON KILBOURN, of Litchfield, Connecticut, was appointed Secretary.

The objects of the meeting were briefly stated by the Secretary.

Several interesting communications from and relative to the Kilbourns of Great Britain, were read by Lieutenant CHARLES L. KILBURN, U. S. A.

After an hour or two spent in a free and social interchange of sentiments and feelings, it was, on motion of Rev. JAMES KILBOURN, of Bridgewater, Conn.,

*Resolved*, That, regarding the Kilbourns of this continent as the members of one common though long scattered family, it is expedient to form a Society for their re-union.

A Committee appointed for the purpose reported the following form of a Constitution, which was unanimously adopted.

## CONSTITUTION.

*Article 1.*—This Society shall be called the "Kilbourn Historical and Genealogical Society of North America."

2.—The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, twenty Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and a Central Committee, who shall be chosen at each General Meeting of said Society.

3.—The object of this Society shall be the collection and preservation of such facts, data and documents as shall serve to illustrate the history and genealogy of the Kilbourn Family on this continent, from the arrival of the ancestors of said family in New England, (A. D. 1635,) to the present time.

4.—A primary object of this Society shall be the collection and preservation of facts, data and documents relative to the history and genealogy of the Kilbourn Family in Great Britain, both before and since the arrival of our ancestors in New England; and to this end the co-operation of our namesakes in the father-land is earnestly and hopefully solicited.

5.—All printed documents and manuscripts transmitted to either of the Secretaries, post paid, shall be entered upon the Records of the Society, or be otherwise preserved—and be laid before the Society at each General Meeting thereof.

6.—Any person bearing the name of Kilbourn, and being descended from George or Thomas Kilbourn, may become members of this Society by paying into the Treasury thereof the sum of One Dollar.

7.—Persons who have descended from the Kilbourns through female lines, or have married into the family, or, (if bearing the name,) belong to other than the American branches of said family, may from time to time be elected Honorary Members of said Society.

8.—All officers, members and honorary members of this Society shall at all times have free access to the records and documents belonging to or deposited therewith, with the privilege of copying the same.

9.—All letters and communications received by the Corresponding Secretary, in any way relating to the Kilbourn Family, shall be preserved and laid before the Society at each General Meeting thereof.

10.—The power to call primary and general meetings of this Society shall be vested with the Central Committee, with the concurrence and advice of the President.

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~~§~~ Family Records, Biographical Sketches, Historical Reminiscences, Epitaphs, &c., of or concerning our namesakes, are hereby solicited, and will be entered upon the Records of the Society.

## Officers of the Society.

### *President,*

Hon. JAMES KILBOURNE, of Worthington, Ohio.

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### **The next General Meeting**

OF the *Kilbourn Historical and Genealogical Society of North America* will be holden at NIAGARA FALLS, on the 16th day of May, 1849. This place as been selected by the Committee, as the most convenient rallying point from the United States and British Provinces—it being accessible, either by railroads or by navigable waters, from almost every direction. It is earnestly desired that the meeting should be fully attended.

The Order of Arrangement will hereafter be more fully announced.

JAMES KILBOURNE, *President*.

JAMES KILBOURN,	} Central Committee.
CHARLES KILBOURN,	
P. K. KILBOURN,	
T. C. KILBOURN,	
JOHN KILBOURN,	
J. S. KILBOURNE,	}

June 27, 1848.

## PREFACE:

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It can hardly be deemed necessary to state the object of this volume more fully than it is contained in the title-page: This is emphatically an age of antiquarian and genealogical research. Few intelligent descendants of the puritan settlers of New England, especially, are to be found, who do not cherish a filial reverence for their progenitors, and an ardent desire to know more of their history. It is a laudable and virtuous spirit which would keep alive a knowledge, and emulate the good deeds, of those who have passed over the stage of Existence before us, and who now "rest from their labors." And surely if any people on earth have a special right to boast of an illustrious ancestry, they are those whose homesteads are found in the deep glens and along the mountain fastnesses of the Land of the Pilgrims.

It has been the design of the author of these pages to preserve from a premature oblivion, the recorded and traditionary history of the KILBOURNS of this continent, from the date of the landing on these shores of the common ancestors of the race—GEORGE and THOMAS KILBORNE, in 1635. He believes that of Thomas Kilborne's descendants, he has given the names and brief notes of ALL in the male line down to and including the 4th generation; from thence they become so numerous and so scattered that it is by no means improbable that some have escaped his researches. After the 6th generation, several branches are designedly dropped, because, were they continued, the volume would be made much larger than was intended, and the descendants will, as it is, be able readily to trace their respective genealogies back to where the said branches are left.

The author has not been able to connect the American branch of the family directly with that in Great Britain; though there unquestionably is a connection. Aside from the fact that our ancestors sailed from *London* for this country, the similarity of names in the branches of the old and new world at the same era, seem to evince a connection. For instance—it will be seen that William Kilborne who died at Louth, Eng., in 1660 or

1670, had sons William, *John*, *Joseph* and *Abraham*; while John Kilborne, who came to America with his parents in 1635, and died at Weathersfield, Conn., in 1703, had sons *John*, *Joseph*, *Abraham*, and others. This could hardly have happened by chance.

By reference to page 109, an extract will be found from the record in the Family Bible of David Kilbourn, Esq., of Lunenburg, Mass., which says, 'Two brothers came over from *Devonshire*?' &c. Upon what authority this record was made, I have not learned. The only evidence that Thomas and George were brothers, seems to rest on tradition—though in this instance tradition is probably correct.

The name is still to be found in various parts of Great Britain—where it appears to have undergone as many changes in the manner of spelling as it has in this country. Anciently it was almost uniformly spelt with the final *e*, and the transition from *e* to *ie* and *ey*, is natural and easy—and with these terminations it is sometimes found. In the old catalogues of Yale College it is spelt *Kilbern*; and elsewhere, *Kilberne*. See p. 56.

In regard to the meaning of the word—Sir Francis Palgrave, a very learned antiquary of London, informs William Kilburn, Esq., of that city, that it is of German origin, and signifies *cool stream* or *cool river*; the Hon. James Kilbourne, of Ohio, on the contrary, says it is of Welch origin, and means *river border*.

The annexed communications from *William Kilburn*, Esq., of London, will be read with interest by his namesakes in America.

*Bertram House, Hampstead, }*  
near London, 2d November, 1844. *}*

*Payne Kenyon Kilbourn*, Esq.:

Dear Sir—I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d of September, containing some very interesting particulars relative to the family of Kilbourns in America, much of which was new to us, although we were aware that the name was known in the neighborhood of New York.

My own family is certainly of Irish origin, but I am not able to trace it beyond my grandfather, Samuel Kelburne, who died in Dublin about the year 1770. Having received a Government appointment, in the patent for which his name was spelt *Kilburn*, he adopted that mode of spelling it, and his descendants have continued the same. My father, William Kilburn of Carshalton, near London, was his only son, and left Ireland at a very early age and never returned to it. He died in 1818, leaving four sons, of whom my brother Benjamin and myself are the only survivors. My brother Thomas, who died in 1830, left six sons who are now living—four in London, in various mercantile situations, and two in Australia, one of whom is a farmer and wool grower, and the other a merchant. These are the only relatives, bearing our name; but on my mother's side my family is very numerous; we have about 100 relatives within the degree of first cousin, and first cousin once removed.

My father had a cousin, the Rev. SINCARE KILBURNE, who died unmarried, and was the only relative on his side of whom I ever heard. I have long known by name a Mrs. ANN KILBURN, of Malta, and lately requested a friend to call upon her and make some inquiries; but I could not learn that there was any connection between our families.



I have the pleasure to enclose two copies of our Coats of Arms, one engraved and the other colored. The description is as follows—

“KILBURNE, (*London & Hawkehurst, Kent.*) Argent Cheveron, Azure between three bald coots, close, sable, heads argent, beaks tawny. Crest, bald coot proper.”

The bald coot is a water-fowl, somewhat like the common moor hen. It is now rather scarce in England.

I shall be glad to receive a copy of your projected work, which can no doubt be forwarded through any of the New York booksellers who have agents in London. My brother and myself are engaged in the East India trade, (under the firm of Norton, Kilburn & Co.) Our house of business is No. 16, Saint Mary Axe, London. I have written to Ireland to make some inquiries about my grandfather's progenitors, but the registers are so defective there, that my friends have been unable to find any trace of them.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,  
WILLIAM KILBURN.

{ No. 16 Saint Mary Axe,  
{ London, 4th of January, 1847.

*Payne Kenyon Kilbourn, Esq. :*

Dear Sir—I am favored with your letter of the 30th of November, and regret that I am not able to add any further information relative to our name and family history. My father left Ireland when a boy, and died at the age of 73, when I was 15, so that many years elapsed from the time of his leaving Ireland to that of my first visit in 1829—at which time there was no person resident in Dublin of that name. The patent appointment of my grandfather was that of “King's Carpenter.” The name of the Rev. Sinclair Kelburne's father was *Ebenezer*.

Except my father's immediate descendants, I do not *know* any person of our name. You are doubtless aware that the second title of the Earl of Glasgow is *Kelburne*. I think it probable that a letter addressed to Lord Viscount Kelburne, Kelburne Castle, Ayrshire, Scotland, would furnish you with some information from his lordship or friends.

I have more taste for beautiful scenery, than for heraldry, and should be glad to believe that I had a chance of visiting Niagara at any time, but more especially upon the very interesting occasion to which you refer. But I feel certain that none of my family will be able to “assist” (as our neighbors of France would say,) at the family gathering.\*

My opinion has been, and is, that you are connected with the Hawkehurst family. You have probably seen the curious book which I recently sent to Mr. Austin Kilbourn. I have since met with two copies for myself †

I remain, Dear Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
WILLIAM KILBURN.

\* A Family Meeting of the Kilbourns was then in contemplation at Niagara.

† The Survey of Kent, by Richard Kilburn, Esq., with a portrait—1657.

### Kilbourns of Great Britain.

KILBERNEY, VISCOUNT. John Lindsey, Earl of Crawford, was created Viscount Kilberney, by King Robert III. of Scotland, in 1399.

KILBOURNE, the Abbot of, one of the Commissioners, [the Bishop of Rosse and Lord Herries his colleagues] sent by Mary Queen of Scots to Queen Elizabeth, to negotiate a settlement of their difficulties—1568. The Abbot's title in this connection has sometimes been spelt *Kilbourn*.

—the *b* and *v* being often used, one in the place of the other, indiscriminately, at that period. He was probably at the head of the monastic institution of Kilbourn, and took his title therefrom.

KILBURNE, WM., of Louth, county of Lincoln, England, died there in 1660 or 1670, aged 70 years.

KILBORNE, WM., *A. M.*, born at Louth, England, in 1661; graduated at Magdalen college, Cambridge, and was made master of arts in 1686; resided in Saffron Walden, Essex co., in 1708.

KILBURN, RICHARD, Esq., born at Hawkherst, county of Kent, England, in 1605; in 1657 he published his "Topographie, or Survey of the county of Kent," with a portrait. A copy of this work is now owned by Austin Kilbourn, Esq., of Hartford, Conn. In the State Library at Albany N. Y., is another of his works, of which the following is a copy of the title-page—"Choice Precidents upon all Acts of Parliament relating to the office and duty of a Justice of the Peace, including the first session of King William and Queen Mary; with notes and instructions thereupon taken out of said Acts and particular cases in Law adjudged therein. Also a more useful method of making up Court Rolls than hath been hitherto published in Print. By Richard Kilburn, Esq., late one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Kent, and Principal of Stapleton Inn. The 4th edition, very much enlarged, with new Precidents to the year 1690, and Law Cases, &c., by G. T. F. of Gray's Inn, Esq. London, printed for Richard Tonson, within Gray's Inn Gate, and next Gray's Inn Lane. 1690."

KELBURNE, LORD. David Boyle, Earl of Glasgow, was created Lord Kelburne, by Queen Anne, in 1703, which continues to be the title of the earls of Glasgow.

KILBERNEY, LORD. Patrick Crawford was created Lord Kilberney, by Queen Anne in 1703.

KILBORN, ROBERT, *LL. D.*, and *S. S.*, Prebendary of St. Paul's, London, in 1728. During this year Dr Kilborn preached a sermon at the anniversary meeting of the Sons of the Clergy, which was published,—vol 55, p 95, 97, 326\*.

KILBOURN, LAUNCELOT, Purveyor of His Majesty's stores at Gibraltar—died in 1744.

KILBORN, —, a bookseller and publisher, in London—1748. vol. 18, p 240.

KILBORN, WILLIAM, Esq., married Miss Revell, daughter of Thomas Revell Esq., member of the House of Commons from Dover, and Victualler of the forces at Minorca—January 5, 1753.

KILBURN, A., a printer in Dublin, in 1776.

KILBOURN, WM. and THOMAS. Died—At Belton, county of Rutland, England, (in 1788,) William Kilbourn, aged 79—leaving 89 children and grandchildren: and 3 days after, Thomas Kilbourn, 84. vol 58, p 53

KELBURN, Rev. SINCLARE, *A. B.*, a graduate of the University of Edinburgh for 22 yrs pastor of 3d Presbyterian ch. in Belfast, Ireland; died 1802

KELBURNE, SAMUEL, of Dublin, a famous builder and architect; he was made "King's Carpenter," by George II. In the patent his name was spelt *Kilburn*, and his descendants continue to spell it thus.

KILBURN, THOMAS, a literary and scientific gentleman, who died in London in 1828, leaving a most valuable private library of over 2,000 volumes.

KILBURN, MM., a celebrated Artist.—See Appendix to this work, p. 122.

KILBURN, WM., Esq., of London, engaged in the East India trade, firm—Norton, Kilburn & Co. He is one of the Directors of the Universal Life Assurance Company.

**KILI URN, BENJ.** Esq., brother of the preceding, and a member of the same firm; married a daughter of John Knight, Esq., Secretary of the Bank of England.

**KILBURN, George and William**, innkeepers in London—1844.

\* The numeral and figures after the paragraphs in this list, refer to the volumes and pages of the London's Gent. Magazine, when not otherwise stated.

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### Names of Places, &c.

**KILTOURNE** Priory, or Convent, county of Kent, England; was standing as early as A. D. 1371, and perhaps much earlier.

**KILBURN, and KILBURN MOUNTAIN**, county of Wexford, Ireland; noted in the history of the Irish rebellion. See Appendix—p. 119.

**KILBURN**, near London, county of Middlesex, England; population, 2,000. The houses at Kilburn are principally occupied by wealthy tradesmen from the west end of London. Spelt *Kilburn* in old registers.

**KILBURN**, 7 miles north of Derby, Derbyshire, England—where is a building called Kilburn-Hall.

**KILBURN**, a village 5 miles from Thirsk, England; pop. in 1840, 847.

**KELEURNE**, the seat of the Earl of Glasgow, near Paisley, Scotland.

**KILFURN**, a parish in the north riding of Yorkshire, England.

**KILBURN-WELLS**, (mineral springs)—a fashionable watering place about 2 miles from Hyde-Park and the same from Hampstead.

**KILBURNIE**, a town of considerable note in Scotland,

**KILPCORN**, a small Fortress in the S. W. of European Russia, in the Government of Taurida, on the Black Sea, on the south side of the estuary of the Dnieper. The harbor is tolerably secure. Long. 31 deg. 26 m. E., lat. 46 deg. 35 m N. See Morse's Universal Gazetteer.

**KILPCORN**, formerly the name of a settlement and river near Lake Memphremagog, in Stansted, Canada. The name has lately been changed.

**KILBOURNE**, village and post office, Delaware county, Ohio.

**KILBOURNTOWN**, that part of the city of Milwaukee, (Wisconsin,) which lies on the west side of the river. See Appendix—p. 119.

**KILBOURN** Street, Hartford, Conn.—running from Front street to the Connecticut river. The Springfield and New Haven railroad depot is at the foot of Kilbourn street.

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County of Kent 1533, and re-arm'd  
in the College of Arms, London, 1845.

CHAS. GEO. YOUNG, Garter.

*Mr. Kilbourn*—Sir, Agreeably to your request I transmit to you copies of  
the only entries I find bearing upon your questions. I cannot give any reason  
for the bearing, or the particular occasion of the grant to the Kentish family.  
The date of the confirmation of the Arms with a difference for the Lincolnshire  
family was 1706.

I am, Sir, your ob't servant,

*College of Arms, London,*  
18 July, 1845.

CHAS. GEO. YOUNG,  
Garter.

*John Kilburne*, of Suff. — *Joane*, dan. & heirs  
from Walden in Com. Essex.

*Isaac Kilburne* of — *Mary* dan. of Thomas  
Cluke

*Sarah* dau. Ja's Short — *Richard Kilburne* of Hawkehest — *Elizabeth* dan. of Will Daxy  
3 wife S. P. in Com. Kent, A. D. 1653. of Beckley in Com. Sussex,  
1 wife.

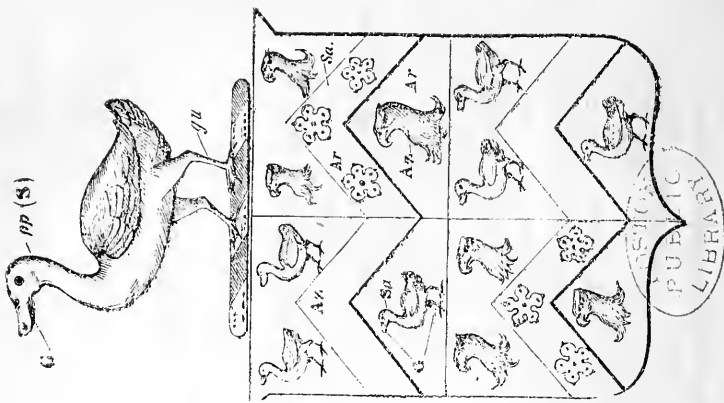
*Isaac* marr'd *Marg't* dau.,  
& coh. of Stephen Lambe  
had dau. *Elizabeth*.

*William* sonne — *Elizabeth* da. of  
and heirs. Henry Bettenham.

*Richard*  
*Thomas*  
*Anne*

*Elizabeth*  
m. Wm Levett  
of Sussex  
son Charles.

*Richard*



From the Earl Marshall's Register,  
marked L. 27, in the College of Arms, London.

William Williams, of  
Leath, Co. Lincoln.  
Died there a. 70, in 1660 or 70.

Sarah, dau'r. of  
Edward Kendall,  
of Elford, Co. Line.

William Williams, = Elizabeth, dau'r.  
of William Fox,  
of Tarnhamham.  
d. 1703 w. 69.

John Williams,  
alias Williams,  
of Leath.

3 Elizabeth,  
4 Joseph,  
Elizabeth.

William Williams, son = Joanna, dau. of  
John, b. at Leath 1661  
W. & C. of Magdalen  
Col. Cambridge, 1686  
of Tarnhamham  
Co. of Essex, 1703.

Robert Raymond  
of Smithway, Essex  
Co. Married 30th  
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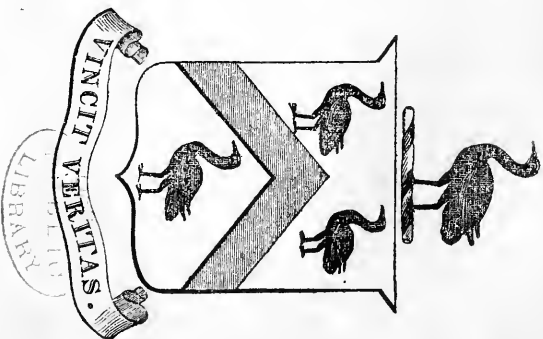
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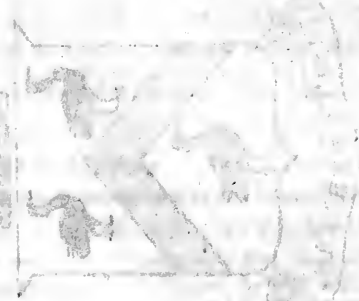


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# THE FAMILY MEMORIAL.

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## GENERATION I.

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### THOMAS KILBORNE,



HE ancestor of all in Connecticut, and most of those in other States of the Union and in Canada, who bear the name, was born A. D., 1580, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth; and with his family embarked from London for New England, in the ship Increase, Robert Lea, master, on the 15th of April, 1635.

In the 8th volume of the 3d series of the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, pp. 243 and following, is an article entitled "Gleanings for New England History," by JAMES SAVAGE, LL. D., of Boston, in which we find the following

"Extract from a MS. volume in folio at the Augmentation Office (so called) where Rev. Joseph Hunter, one of the Record Commissioners, presides, in Rolls Court, Westminster Hall. It contains the names of all persons permitted to embark, at the port of London, after Christmas, 1634, to the same period in the following year, kept generally in regular succession. This was found only a few months since, *and may not have been seen by more than two or three persons for two hundred years.*"

"15th Apr. 1635. Theis parties hereafter expressed are to be transported to New England, imbarqued in the Increase, Robert Lea, master, having taken the oath of allegiance and supremacy, as also being conformable to the orders and discipline of the church, whereof they brought testimony per certificates from the Justices and Ministers where their abodes have lately been.

" Husbandman,	THO. KILBORNE,	aged 55.
His wife,	FRANCES KILBORNE,	" 50.
Children,	MARGARET KILBORNE,	" 23.
	LYDDIA KILBORNE,	" 22.
	MARIE KILBORNE,	" 16.
	FRANCES KILBORNE,	" 12.
	JO. KILBORNE,	" 10."

The family settled at Wethersfield, Conn. Thomas Kilborne died previous to December 25, 1640, as appears from the Wethersfield Land Records, book 1st, page 135, viz.: "12th month, 25th day, 1640. Lands belonging to ffran: Kilborne, *widow*, lyeing in Weathersfield. on Conecticut River," &c.

NOTE.—The following complete list of the fellow passengers of Thomas Kilborne and family, on their voyage to this country in the Increase, will probably gratify the curiosity of many of my readers. "Lynen weaver Tho. Chittingden, aged 57, uxor Rebecca Chittingden 41, Isack Chittingden 10, Hen. Chittingden 6; a mason, Geo. Baron 43, Samuell 12, Susan 10, John 5; a husbandman Tho. Jestlin, Rebecca his wife, Eliza Ward a maid servant, Rebecca 18, Dorothy 11, Nathaniel 8, Eliza 6, Mary 1, his children; husbandman Wm. Rusco 51, uxor Rebecca 41, Sara 9, Marie 7, Samuel 6, Wm. 1; a tailor, Tho. Page 29, Elizabeth 28, Tho. 2, Katherin 1, Edw. Sparks, Kat. Taylor, servants; Sam. Andrewes 37, Jane 30, Jane 3, Eliz. 2; Robt. Naney 22, Robt. Sankey 30, John Gibbens 21, husbandman Samuel Morse 50, uxor Elizabeth 48, Joseph 20; Elizabeth Daniel 2; linen weaver Philemon Dalton 45, uxor Hanna 35, Samuel 5; Wm. White 14; husbandman Mathew Marvyn 35, Elizabeth 31, Mathew 8, Marie 6, Sara 3, Hanna 1-2; Jo. Warner 30, Isack More; carpenter Samuell Ireland 32, uxor Marie; plowrite Wm. Buck 50, Roger Buck 18, a joiner Jo. Davies 29, husbandman Abram Fleming 40, husbandman Jo. Foker 21, clothier Tho. Parish 22; chyrurgion, Symon Ayres 48, uxor Dorothy 33, Marie 15, Tho. 13, Symon 11, Rebecca 9; Jane Rainton 39, husbandman Symon Stone 50, uxor Joan 38, Francis 16, Ann 11, Symon 4, Marie 3, Jo. 5 weeks; John Cordie 17, butcher Wm. Payne 37, Anna 40, William 10, Anna 5, Jo. 3, Daniel 8 weeks; James Bittin 27, Wm. Potter 25, Elizabeth Woods 35, Elizabeth Beards 24, Suzan Payne 11, Aymes Gladwell 16, Phebe Perce 18, carpenter Henry Grosse 20, James Roger 20, Richard Nunn 19, Tho. Barrett 16, Jo. Hackwell 18, Christian Ayres 7, Anna Ayres 5, Benjamin Ayres 3, Sara Ayres 3 mos., a sawer Steeven Upson 23, Jo. Myndell 16; Isack Warden 18, Nath'll Wood 12, Elizabeth Streaton 19, Marie Toller, servants."

Of the persons above named, Simon Stone (sen'r.), 'deacon of Watertown;' was adm. freeman 1636; Simon Stone (jun.) was Representative in 1678 and 1679. Philemon Dalton d. in Ipswich, Nov. 10, 1661; his son, Hon. Samuel Dalton, was Representative from Hampton for 12 years from 1662, and member of the first Council of President Cutt, of New Hampshire. Samuel Morse adm. freeman at Dedham, 1640, d. at Medfield Dec. 5, 1634; Joseph Morse was one of the first settlers of Dedham; Roger Buck settled in Cambridge, where his sons John and Ephraim were born in 1644 and 1645. Thomas Barrett d. at Chelmsford Oct. 6, 1664. Thomas Joslin [Jestlin] d. at Lancaster, Mass., Feb. 3, 1661.

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GENERATION II.

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## CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND FRANCES.

MARGARET was married to Richard Law, Esq., a distinguished gentleman of Stamford. She was the grandmother of the Hon. Jonathan Law, who was Governor of Connecticut from 1741 until his death in 1750; she was also the maternal ancestor of the Hon. Richard Law, for many years Mayor of New London, and Judge of the Superior Court of this State.

LYDIA married Robert Hayward, (now written Howard,) of Windsor, Conn., and by him had children—Tayhath, born January 1, 1646; Rebecca, August 17, 1648; Esther, June 8, 1651, died in childhood; Lydia, January 13, 1655, died in infancy; Ephraim, January 11, 1656. Mr. Hayward died in 1684. His wife survived him; and in a deposition made by her, at Windor, dated September 3, 1684, she says she is aged 70 years, or thereabouts.

MARY married John Root, senior, one of the first settlers and a prominent citizen of Farmington, Conn. He died in 1684—his wife surviving him. Their children were—John, who died in 1712; Joseph; Caleb, died 1712; Stephen, died 1717; Timothy, died in 1713; Mary, wife of Isaac Bronson. John Root, sen., and wife were members of the church in Farmington in 1679.

FRANCES married Thomas A. Foot.

SERGEANT JOHN, (the only son of Thomas and Frances,) was born in 1625, and came to this country with his parents in the Increase, at the age of ten years. The first mention I have found of him upon the Wethersfield Records, is as follows: "Ye 24 of September 1647. John Kilborne is Apointed to gather the tax Rate, and cause it to be brought into account when the townesmen shall Apoint." His first record as a land-holder in Wethersfield bears date May 20, 1649, and may be found on p. 136 1st book of the Land Records of that town. Though History has neglected to chronicle his deeds, his name nevertheless appears conspicuous upon the

old colonial records for a period of nearly half a century. He seems to have been an active, energetic spirit in the little colony, and to have possessed in no small degree the confidence of his fellow colonists. This is abundantly manifest in his being so often selected by them to perform public trusts, and to fill the various offices within their gift—trusts and offices which, however humble they may appear to us, were then deemed of the utmost importance to their well-being.

EXTRACTS FROM THE WETHERSFIELD RECORDS.

"Ye 8th of March, 1653-4. We also ordaine that The Line betwixt Mattabosset and vs shall be Rund some time this month, and ye Townsmen [Selectmen] and Samll Smith, John Chester, John Kilbvrne Jo. Dickinson and Richard Chester, Junior, shall Attend ye worke vpon munday, and to give notise to Mattaboset to meet vs at ye devident Line."

"Ye second of Aprill, 1655. Ye Townsmen Apointed John Kilborne and Thomas Wright to Run ye Line betwixt Hartford and Wethersfield vpon ye 2d day of next weeke. Nathl Dickerson to give warning to the Hartford Townsmen."

"For ye yeare 1656 was chosen by ye towne Mr. Hoylester, John Kilborne, Thomas Holman, and Luke Holbrooke, Townsmen, to act for ye towne."

"March 16, 1657. The Townsmen have apoynted John Kilbvrn, Philip Smith and James Pratt to runn ye line betwixt Matabossitt and Wethersfield vpon ye twenty seventh of this present March, 1657."

"20 feb. Townsmen for this yeare chosen are Samll boreman, Thos. Curtis, John Nott, John Kilborn, Thos. Stanlife." 1659.

He was also elected Townsman, in 1660, 1664, 1667, 1668, 1673, 1674, 1676, etc.

"April the 2d [1665-6.] The townsmen agreed with Sargt. John Killbvrne to byrne the woods belonging to the south end of the towne (viz. the woods between vs and Middletowne) at svch a time or times as may be most venient for the advantage of the towne, and they are to allow him for his paines, in this work, six shillings. At this time they also agreed with Enoch Bvek to byrne the woods belonging to the other end of the towne," &c.—*Barber's Conn. Hist. Coll.*, p. 221.

"Jvly 3d, 1676. At this meeting Mr. Samll. Talcoat, Lev. John Chester, Ensigne Goodridge, Sargt. Kilbvrne and Sargt. Deming, together with the townsmen in being, were empowered to order the sitting of all persons in seats and places in the meeting hovse."—*Barber*, p. 221.

"April 17, 1677. At Towne meting, Sargt. John Kilborne, Sargt. Hvgh Welles and John Beldin ware chosen a Comittee in the behalfe of the

towne to deale with John Waddams and to make such an exchange of lands as they may see cause both for the benefit of the towne and for his benefit as they can agree."

"Town metting, Dec. 6, 1680, Sergt. John Kilborne, Thomas Wright, and Sergt. Warner, were chosen *Selectmen* for the yeare."

"March 19, 1683. Sergt. John Kilborne and Enoch Buck were chosen a Comettee to procure a shepherd for the towne vpon as good termes as they can, who shall be paid by a sheep Rate as aforesaid, as the Comettee aforesaid and the shepherd shall agree, and also take care of what fence is needfull and necessary."

In the Records in the office of Secretary of State, in Hartford, the name of John Kilbourn often occurs, as a Juror, Grand Juror, and on the "Jury of Life and Death,"\* which

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\* To carry the reader back to the period in which our worthy pilgrim ancestor lived and acted, we make a few extracts from the proceedings of the various courts with which he was connected in the capacities above mentioned. May 29, 1677, Sergt. K. was a member of the Jury before whom Nicholas Sension, of New London, was tried "for his notorious sinfull attempting that great and unnaturall sin of sodomy," and sentenced therefor to "stand upon a lader by the gallows, with a rope about his neck, so long as he shall be appoynted there to stand, and then to be tyed to the gallows and severely whipt; and then be returned to the prison to remaine dureing the court's pleasure." He was also disfranchised, fined 6*l.*, and placed under a bond of 100*l.*

1663. Sergt. J. K. one of the Jurors. "Jacob Mygatt complaynes of Elizabeth Palmer for rayseing of a slanderous reporte of him In saying that he with others played at cardes at Wm. Edwardses." She was fined 20*s.* and sentenced to "be sett in the stocks an hower to-morrow, between the howers of Tenn and Eleven."

"Edward Hall and John Ellis, for their ill carriage on the Sabbath in the time of publique worship, are to sit in the stocks for one hower and a half at the next traine-day at Wethersfield—the Constable to see it attended to."

Jan 23. 1679. "Thomas Wickham personally appeared and produced Jonathan Strickland and Susanna Kircorn, who informed him that John Hale had sayd, "*God Dame King Charles.*" The sd persons being examined doth affirme that they heard him say, "God bless King Charles," and in a fitt when he fell off his Chaire and foamed at his mouth and *shakt* every joynt of him. They thought he sayd, "*God Dame King Charles,*" but they durst not take oath of it, he spoke so lowe. John Hale is freed from his imprisonment, the testimony not appearing legall."

"Windsor Townesmen for not calling out there Inhabitants to *cutt brush*, fined five pounds."

1671. "Nath. Butler, plaintiff, John Kilborn, def., In an action of the case for detaineing a stray Bay Hors that was taken up by the sayd Butler and Jos. Green and some others, and the damage of 5*l.* upon attachment. The Jury find for *defendant* costs of court. The plaintiff hath a review granted to the next court in March upon the account of some evidence that he pretends he hath which he could not have this court."

last was considered in those days one of the most important trusts in the colony. At a "Particular Court" holden in 1670, at which Gov. WINTHROP presided, assisted by "Mr. Sam'l Willys, Capt. J. Tailcoat, Mr. John Allyn and Mr. James Richards," the following Grand Jurors were announced: Thomas Bunce, John Lancton, Jobe Drake, Nathaniel Goodwin, John Kilborn, Thomas Bissell, Phillip Lewis, John Goodrich, Timothy Trall, Phillip Davis, William Judd, Daniel Harris. This is the first Grand Jury upon record after the organization of Hartford County,

At a "Court of Assistants" holden in Hartford, Oct. 3, 1678, he was a member of the Grand Jury in connection with John Root, Sen., Stephen Hosmer, John Judd, and eight others,

April 24, 1682. The following persons were appointed and sworn Grand Jurors, viz.: Thomas Bunce, Paul Peck, John Marsh, John Gilbert, Mr. Henry Wolcott, Thomas Bissell, Nathaniel Loomys, Return Strong, Sergt. John Kilburne. Mr. Samuel Wolcott, Capt. John Standly, Samuel Coale, and Sergt. John Hale.

At a session holden in 1687, the Court was constituted as follows:

"WM. LEETE, *Governor*.  
Maj. J. TALLCOTT, and  
Capt. JOHN ALLEN, *Assistants*.

*Grand Jurors* for the year ensuing:

Mr. JAMES STEEL,	Sargt. JOHN KILBOURN,	Capt. JOHN GILBERT.
JOHN PRATT,	STEVEN HOSMER,	HENRY BUCK,
NATH'L LOOMYS,	JAMES TOPPAN,	JOHN MOORE,
NICHOLAS BUCKLAND,	JOHN JUDD,	DANIEL HEYDEN."
JOHN KEETE, Sr.,	THOMAS SPENCER.	

That Sergt. K. was a lover of "righteousness and peace," will appear from the following petition, taken from the Land Records, Vol. 1, Document 182, in the office of the Secretary of State.

"To the Honored Gov. and Deputy Gov. with the Assistants and members of the General Court now sitting in Hartford. The humble petition of diverse inhabitants of Wethersfield, proprietors in the lands on the East side of the Great River in the field called Naubuck. Whereas the original landmarks between the several divisions of land in the said field now long since lost, and diverse of the proprietors (apprehending much trouble like to ensue thereupon) when the law of possession was made; did during the time that that law was suspended, petition the General Court to appoint a Committee to lay out and limit all the several divisions of land in Naubuck aforesaid according to the original record of the town. And the

said Committee did attempt to discharge the trust committed to them, but not being able to find out the south bounds of the said field, they were at a loss and never did any thing to effect. And now diverse persons of the said Committee are dead, and the south bounds of the said field are found out and settled by a Committee appointed by the General Court in the case pending between Mr. Bulkeley and Mr. Hollister, whereby the settling of the bounds of the several divisions of land *according to the rules of righteousness and peace* becomes very feasible, your petitioners being very sensible of great and almost endless troubles likely to ensue to divers of the proprietors unless they will, to their great loss and damage, yield up their just and lawful right to such as will unjustly encroach upon them, do therefore humbly request the Honorable Court to appoint a new Committee to lay out all the said field according to the original record of the town, as the former General Court did appoint, and also to set down leading stakes for the just lines, as need shall require. And now hope that the Honored General Court will not make difficulty about granting our petition because of the present aspect of things, for we do not desire a new grant or title of land, but a settling of us in a judicious way according to the rules of righteousness and peace, upon what was our ancient right and property. And we do the more earnestly desire this favor of the Honored General Court at this time, because it changes threatened consequences; contentions and divisions about limits and bounds of land will inevitably be an aggravation of our trouble,—but not to trouble the Honored Court with a multiplicity of words, we subscribe ourselves your humble suppliants and servants.

JOHN KILBURN, SEN'R.  
JOSHUA ROBINS,  
SAM'L WELLES,  
ELEAZER KIMBERLY,  
EPHRAIM GOODRICH.

*Wethersfeld, October 13, 1677."*

The Response to the above Petition was made by "a General Court held at Hartford, October 13, 1687," at which Gov. Treat presided. It was ordered that "upon the petition of John Kilborn, &c., that this Court would appoint a Committee to settle the bounds of their lands on the east side of the Great River at Naubuck, This Court do therefore order and appoint Serjt. John Deming, Deac. Samuel Butler, Serjt. John Wells and Ensign Samuel Wright, to attend the said service and perfect the same according to the first and original Grants as near as they can, to begin at the south side of Capt. Talcott's lott and so to proceed as there is occasion."

"Nov. 27, 1578. Mr. Gershom Bulkley [minister] had granted to him one hundred and fifty acres of land joyning to his land in his present possession by his mill. Serjeant Kilburne, Mr. Eleazer Kimberly, Serjt. John Deming and Ensign Welles are appointed, they or ye most part thereof, to lay out the same."

Sergt. Kilbourn was married to Naomi —, in 1650 ; she died, October 1, 1659, leaving three children, viz., John, Thomas, and Naomi. He then married Sarah —, by whom he had Ebenezer, Sarah, George, Mary, Joseph, and Abraham. He departed this life on the 9th of April, 1703, in his 79th year—or, as the Wethersfield Record quaintly expresses it, “of his age about 80 years, as nigh as could be come at.” Sarah, his widow, died on the 4th of December, 1711, “aged 70 years, or something more,” as the record has it.

“LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN KILBOURN, SEN’R.

“I, JOHN KILBOURN, Senior, of Wethersfield, in the County of Hartford, in his majesties Territories of New England, yeoman, being at present firme in my senses and understanding, do appoint this my last Will and Testament, in manner following:—*Imp’s.* I bequeath my Soul into the hands of my most mercifull Redeemer, hoping for his merit’s sake to find acceptance with God, and a Joyfull Resurrection, my body to be buried in a Christian manner according to the discretion of mine Executors hereinafter named.—I give and bequeath to my Sonn, JOHN KILBOURN, besides what I have formerly given and settled on him, and on his heirs and assignes, my whole right and title to that Tract of Land sometime since purchased of the Indians, on the East side of the great River ; also I give to my said Sonn, John, my great bible and one great booke of Mr. Perkins his works.—I give and bequeath to my Sonn, THOMAS KILBOURN, and to his heirs and assignes forever, the remainder of my Land in Naubuck, both meadow, swamp, and uppland, and Six pounds in Current Country pay, to be paid by my Executors hereafter named within two years after my decease.—I give and bequeath to my daughter, NAOMI HALE, (besides what I have formerly given her,) my Silver beaker and one pair of Sheets, to be delivered her by my Executors at my decease. My will is that my present Loving wife, Sarah Kilbourn, shall enjoy and possess one half of my houseing and Home lott abutting on the broad street East, and one third part of my Lands lyeing on the west side of the great River, dureing the time of her naturall Life.—I give to my Sonn, EBENEZER KILBOURN, and to his heirs and assignes forever, one half of my houseing and home lott facing against the broad street, to be to him and to his heirs or assignes, at my decease, and the other half of the same to him and to his heirs or assignes forever, at the decease of his mother, Sarah Kilbourn. Also one half of mine Eight acree Lott at the pond at the Upper end of the great Meadow, and one fourth part of my Land in the Wett Swamp, and one fourth part of my Long Lott at the Town’s End. That is to say, he or his heirs or assignes to enjoy two thirds of those lands at my decease, and the rest at the decease of his mother aforesaid.—I give and bequeath to my daughter, SARAH CRANE, (besides what I have already given her,) the Sum of fifteen pounds, in goods, corn, or Chattells, to be apprizd as Country pay, to be paid within two years after my decease.—I give and bequeath to my Sonn, GEORGE KILBOURN, my house and Home lott facing against Bell Lane, which I have purchased of my Sonn Ebenezer, and one half of my Eight acree Lott at the upper end of the great meadow, and one fourth part of my Land in the Wett Swamp, and one fourth part of my Long Lott at the Town’s End. That is to say, he to enjoy two thirds of those lands at the age of Twenty and one years. And he, my said Sonn George, his heirs or assignes, to enjoy and possess the rest forever at the



decease of his mother, Sarah Kilbourn. I also give my said Sonn George, one silver Spoon marked G M: G K, provided he shall pay Tenn pounds to my daughter, Mary Kilbourn, in Country pay, within four years after my decease, and Twenty shillings in like Country pay to his brother, Thomas Kilbourn, within the same time.—I give and bequeath to my daughter, MARY KILBOURN, the Summ of Thirty and Eight pounds in Country pay, whereof her brother George is to pay tenn pounds as above exprest, and Twenty and Eight pounds to be paid to her by my Executors heræafter named, in goods or Chattells apprized as Country pay, within two years after my decease, or after her marriage.—I give and bequeath to my Sonn, JOSEPH KILBOURN, and to his heirs or assignes forever, the one half of my Land at the Whirlpools in the great Meadow, and half my Land at Mile Meadow, and half my Land at Beaver Meadow, and one fourth part of my Land at Wett Swamp, and one fourth part of my Long Lott at the Town's End. That is to say, he, his heirs or assignes, to enjoy two thirds of those Lands at the age of Twenty and one years, and the rest at his mother's decease; he also shall pay twenty shillings to his brother, Thomas Kilbourn, within one year after he enjoys the same.—I give and bequeath to my Sonn, ABRAHAM KILBOURN, and to his heirs or assignes forever, half my Land at the Whirlpools in the great meadow, and half my Land at Mile Meadow, and half my Land at Beaver Meadow, and one fourth part of my Land at Wett Swamp, and one fourth part of my Lott at the Town's End. That is to say, he as aforesaid to enjoy two thirds of said Lands at the age of Twenty and one years, and the rest at his mother's decease; also, one heiffer, he paying Twenty shillings to his brother, Thomas Kilbourn, in Country pay, within one year after he shall possess the same. I give to those two last named Sonns, vizt., Joseph and Abraham, my Fifty Acree Lott in the Equall Division, to be to them, their heirs or assignes forever; my will is that they divide the same equally between them.—Lastly, I give and bequeath all the rest of my Moveable Estate, goods, Corn, or Chattells, whatsoever, to my Loveing wife, Sarah Kilbourn, Shee paying all my just debts and Legacies. And I do nominate and appoint my said beloved wife and my Sonn Ebenezer to be the Executors of my last Will and Testament, to whome I give the power of dividing my Lands to my Sonns respectively, as above exprest. In witness that this is my last Will and Testament, revokeing and makeing void all former Wills whatsoever, I have here unto set my hand and seal, this twenty-fourth day of September, in the yeare of our Lord, One Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Eight, and in the fourth yeare of the reign of our Sovereign Lord, James the Second, by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, &c. JOHN KILBOURN. [SEAL.]

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presence of the Witnesses,

SAMUELL BOREMAN, }  
SAMUELL BUTLAR. }

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 GENERATION III.
 

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## CHILDREN OF SERGEANT JOHN.



JOHN, (ancestor of all the Kilbourns of the Glastenbury branch,) was born in Wethersfield on the 15th of February, 1651; married Susanah —, on the 4th of March, 1673, and soon after settled "on the east side of the great river," in what was then called Naubuck, now Glastenbury. He was admitted a freeman on the 13th of October, 1681. On the list of town officers of Glastenbury his name frequently occurs. He was "fence-viewer for the east side of the great river," in 1685, 1689, &c.; a Townsman or Selectman in 1693 and 1708; a Constable in 1697, 1702 and 1705; a Lister in 1710. He was also one of the Grand Jurors of Hartford county in 1695, 1703, and at other times.

That the subject of this sketch was a Puritan, and one of "the strictest of the sect," is evinced by various documents on record, and especially so by the preamble to his Will, which most strikingly exhibits his faith and piety. On the 22d of October, 1692, (soon after the settlement of the Rev. Timothy Stevens, the first minister of Glastenbury,) he gave a parcel of land for a parsonage, as follows: "I, the said John Kilburn, for divers causes and considerations him thereunto moving, and chiefly and principally for the good affection that he beareth unto Timothy Stevens of the said Town and place, and to promote his settlement in the work of the Ministry of the Gospel, in the said town of Glassonbury, hath given," &c.; said land was "bounded east, west, and north, on his land, and south on his Father's Serjt. John Kilburn's land," &c.

Jan. 9, 1692-3. "Serjt. Samuel Wells, Joseph Smith, and John Kilburn, were appointed a Committee to carry on the whole work of building the said house for the Rev. Mr. Stephens."

“ At a Town meeting held at Glastonbury, March 22, 1696, It was Voted, that John Kilburn should have half a mile square of Land adjoining to the Candlewood plain.”

The following is the list of Grand Jurors of Hartford county, appointed and sworn April 1, 1695, viz.—Deac. John Wilson, William Pitkin, John Catlin, George Griswold, Benjamin Newbury, Samuel Gibbs, Henry Buck, Ebenezer Kilbourn, Thomas Porter, John Hart, Peter Buel, John Hall, John Kilbourn, Timothy Stanley, Daniel Cone.

The annexed petition to the General Court, containing the names of John Kilbourn, of Glastenbury, and two of his brothers, is well worthy of preservation here, manifesting, as it does, a filial attachment to and preference for their own Government, over that of a colony which was under the rule of a Royal Governor.

“ To the Honorable General Assembly set at Hartford, May 11, 1682. The Petition of Richard Smith, Benjamin Crane, Jun'r., Edward Benton John Brownson, Thomas Marshall, John Hunniwell, Caleb Benjamin, Samuel Smith, Joseph Smith, Ezekiel Buck, John Waddams, Will Tryon, John Kilburne, Jun'r., Thomas Kilburne, Ebenezer Kilburne, Daniel Bourman, Jonathan Bourman, Jonathan Belden, John Taylor, Samuel Taylor, Jonathan Colafoxie, Peter Blin, Joseph Curtis, Thomas Hale, John Hale, Alexander Keny, John Hollister, Will Taylor, John Morris, and Samuel Baker—Humbly Sheweth; That whereas some of your petitioners and some other persons have lately taken a view of the Wabaquasset Country in order to the Discovery and settlement of a plantation there, and do apprehend that a competent plantation may there be found—Your petitioners do

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NOTE.—The following extracts from the Glastenbury Records will show the regard which our pious ancestry had for the support of the institutions of religion and learning, even in the wilderness.

“ Samuel Loveman began to beat the drume the first Sabbath in Aprill, 1701, which was the 6: day of the month.” This was the manner of calling people to church on the Sabbath and on ‘lecture day,’ before the introduction of bells to the houses of public worship.

July 1. 1701. “ The Selectmen of Glastenbury hired Robbord Poog to be School master for this Towne, and the town is to give him three pound a quarter for the first quarter, and two pounds for the second quarter if the town see cause to improve him the second quarter, and keep his horse and find him board during his keeping school.”

“ Robbard Poog began to keep school this 7th day of July 1701; his pay is money.”

“ A General Court held at Hartford, May 8, 1690. Whereas the inhabitants of the Town of Wethersfield on the East side of Connecticut River, by the consent of the inhabitants of the said Town, did petition this Court that they may be a Township by themselves on the East side of Connecticut River, and may have liberty to provide a Minister for themselves, which the town having granted to their neighbors on the east side—This Court see reason to grant their petition, and advise them to be cautious how they improve it, and that they shall pay their full proportion to all public charge to said Wethersfield, until they shall have a *good Orthodox Minister* settled amongst them there on the east side of the Connecticut River in Wethersfield. Extracted out of the Court Records, October 30, 1690. pr. JOHN ALLYN, Sec'y.”

therefore humbly request that this Assembly will please to grant unto them and such as shall join with them, a Township (or lands for a Town,) ten miles square; and also afford them such other instructions and privileges as may enlarge and enable them the better to go through the difficulties of such an Inland plantation as that will be. And forasmuch as it is doubtful whether the land which they have discovered and on which they desire to settle, will fall within this Colony or the Bay, and your petitioners are not willing to remove themselves from under this Government, they do therefore further request that this Honorable Assembly will please to take some course to settle the line between this Colony and the Bay; which being done, (and not before) they shall adventure, (if it fall within this Colony,) with this Assembly's leave, to proceed upon the aforementioned undertaking. And your petitioners shall ever pray."—*Lands, Vol. 1 195, in the Secretary of State's office.*

At a Court of Election held at Hartford, May 11, 1682, the above petition was "referred to the Governor and Council, to make answer thereto." What answer was given, does not appear. The Kilbourns, however, never removed to that "new country"—one of them having lived and died in Glasstebury, one in Hockanum, and one in Wethersfield.

Susannah, his wife, died October, 1701, aged 50; and on the 12th day of May, 1702, he was married to Elizabeth, daughter of John Mitchell, of Hartford. He departed this life on the 25th of November, 1711; his wife, Elizabeth, d. June 8, 1718. The children of John and Susannah were, Susannah, John Ebenezer, Jonathan, Benjamin, David, and Abraham.

**"LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN KILBOURN, SEN'R.,  
LATE OF GLASSTEBURY, DECEASED.**

"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN KILBOURN, SEN'R., of the Town of Glasstebury, in the County of Hartford, in the Colony of Connecticut, in New England. Knowing that it is appointed for men once to die, and considering the uncertainty as to the time of death, with all knowing it to be the Will of God, who in his tender visitation calls upon me to set my house in order before I die, and I being (though weak in body) yet of perfect and sound understanding and memory, and of disposing mind, Praise be to Almighty God, Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following. I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping through the merits of Christ to obtain free pardon of all my sins and to inherit Eternal Life, and my body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named; and concerning my outward Estate, since the Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, to him therefore belongs the Praise that I possess in this kind, and as for the portion thereof that he hath given me, it is my mind and Will that after my decease, the same may be disposed of as followeth. *Imprimis.* I Will that my just debts and funeral charges, be well and truly paid and discharged. Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife, Elizabeth Kilbourn, the sole benefit and improvement of my Dwelling House, and the improvement of three quarters of my Barn, as also the use and improvement of three quarters of my meadow and uplands, with the

use and benefit of my Orchard, all being in Glastenbury aforesaid, and she to have the use of the same during her natural life. I also give unto my said Wife, the one half of my movable estate, also all the Estate that was her own before I married her, to be forever at her own use and disposal. I also give to my said Wife, one Cow, also so much of my provisions of all sorts whatsoever, as may be for her comfortable subsistence the year ensuing. *Item.* I give unto my son, JOHN KILBOURN, all my Land that is Eastward of the Land that I give to my son David, That is to say, the East End of my farm in Glastenbury aforesaid, bounded upon my said son David's land West, and undivided land East, lands of Thomas Kilbourn, Sen., South, and lands of Samuel Hale, North, to be to him my said son John, and to his heirs and assigns forever. I also give unto my said son John, Mr. Perkins' Book, with a share of my other small books, to be at his own disposing forever. *Item.* I give unto my son, EBENEZER KILBOURN, Mrs. Taylor's book on Titus, a share in the small books, a share of the moveables, to be at his own disposing forever—having regard to what moveables he hath already had. *Item.* I give unto my son, JONATHAN KILBOURN, all my labor which I laid out upon the lands in Colchester, which he now possesses and enjoys, vizt., the clearing of three acres of land, with all the Posts and rails, and a Frame, to be to him and to his heirs and assigns forever. Also Mr. Elton's Sermon book, with a share of my small books and remaining moveables, having regard to what moveables he hath already had. *Item.* I give unto my son, BENJAMIN KILBOURN, my pasture land, butting East upon a highway lately laid out by the Town, if said Highway is improved, but if not, to butt upon my said son David's lot, and West upon my upland field, North upon the said Samuel Hale, and South upon Joseph Hill, Sen.—Provided he returns home to settle upon it, and if he return not home, and settle as aforesaid, then the same shall be equally divided between my four sons, viz., John, Ebenezer, David and Abraham, to be to them and their heirs forever. I also give unto my said son, Benjamin, Mrs. Hooker's book, with a share of my moveables, to be at his disposal forever. *Item.* I give unto my said son, DAVID KILBOURN, one half mile in length of my said Farm in Glastenbury, to butt West upon said Highway lately laid out by the Town as aforesaid, if said Highway be improved, if not, then to butt upon my said pasture hereby given to my said son Benjamin, and to extend Eastward half a mile, butting East upon land I now give to my said son John, North upon said Samuel Hale, and South on said Thomas Kilbourn and partly upon said Joseph Hill, to be to him and to his heirs and assigns forever. I also give my said son David, my Great Bible and a share of my moveables, to be to his disposing forever. *Item.* I give to my son ABRAHAM KILBOURN, my Dwelling House, Barn and Orchard, with all my meadow land within said Town of Glastenbury, and my upland from the pasture aforesaid to the meadow, to be to him and to his heirs forever, after my said Wife shall be deceased, he having the use of one quarter part of my said House, Barn, Orchard, Meadow and Upland, during her natural life, if she needeth it not for her comfortable subsistence. I also give unto my said son Abraham, Mrs. Fox's book of Time, &c., and Mrs. Doolittle's book of the Lord's Supper, with a share of the moveables, to be at his disposing forever, and also my Horse Colt, to be to him forever. Further, it is my mind and Will, That such of my Children as have their share of my Housing and lands, may sell their shares to none, save to other or some other of their Brethren. Further it is my mind and Will that my Debts be paid by my Executors in manner following, (viz.,) one half of my moveables being set out to my beloved Wife, in such things as may be most for her comfort and subsistence, my debts to be paid out of the remaining part or half, and when my debts are paid, what remains of moveable Estate to be equally divided between my aforementioned sons, Ebenezer, Jonathan,

Benjamin, David and Abraham, always accounting that what estate my said Wife brought with her when I married her, be not deemed my Estate. And further, it is my Will, that my said sons, Benjamin, David and Abraham, shall yield a convenient way for Horse and man, to, and from, and through, each others' Land, as well for their advantage as for the advantage and ease of my said son John, that he may pass to his Land, which in this my Last Will and Testament, I have given unto him, unless the aforesaid Highway laid out lately by the Town shall be improved for that end, and then if the Town shall make use of that Highway, my son David shall only and alone be obliged to yield to John a convenient way for horse and man, to his own land as aforesaid. Further it is my Will, that my son John shall not deter or hinder any of my other sons from cutting and carrying off of wood from his land, so long as the same shall lie unfenced. Lastly, I appoint my beloved Wife, and my beloved son Abraham Kilbourn, to be my Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In testimony that this is my last Will and Testament, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ten, and in the ninth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne, Queen over England, &c. JOHN KILBORN, SEN. [SEAL]

Signed and Sealed in the presence of  
SAMUEL SMITH, MARY SMITH, PHILIP ALCOCK.

2. Sergt. THOMAS was born in Wethersfield in 1653, and settled at Hoccanum, on the east side of the river, then within the limits of the town of Hartford. His wife was a daughter of William Hills of Glastenbury. He was a landholder in Hartford as early as 1677; and was "Surveyor for the East side of the Great River" in 1684, 1689, and 1702; he was also a fence-viewer, Selectman, Grand Juror, &c.

"At a Town Meeting held in Hartford, Dec'r 19th, 1700: VOTED the Selectmen, Zechariah Sanford, Mr. Nath'l Hooker, Mr. Ichabod Wells, John Merrill, Sen'r, Serjeant Thomas Kilbourn."—TOWN RECORDS, Vol. 1, p. 277.

"Grand Jurors appointed and sworn for the County of Hartford, for the year 1703, are as followeth, vizt.: John Marsh, Sen., John Shepard, Sen., and Thomas Kilbourn, in Hartford; Lieut. Benjamin Churchill and Samuel Bourman, in Wethersfield; Lieut. Job Drake, Henry Styles and Henry Wolcott, in Windsor; Samuel Porter and Samuel Brunson, in Farmington; Izariah Wetmore, in Middletown; John Kilbourn, in Glastenbury; Samuel Humphrey, in Simsbury; Robert Hibbard, in Windham; and Thomas Hickock, in Waterbury."—COLONY RECORDS.

He died in 1712, leaving no Will. The only children men-

tioned in the settlement of his estate were, John, (the administrator,) and Thomas, Jr.

NAOMI, was married to Thomas Hale, in Wethersfield, Oct. 30, 1679, by Capt. John Chester, Commissioner. Her children were, Naomi, Mary, Thomas, (b. Sept. 17, 1684,) and Timothy.

3. EBENEZER, was born in Wethersfield in 1665, and was married to Grace Bulkley, daughter of Peter Bulkley, on 20th of September, 1692, by Samuel Willis, Esq. He was a Grand Juror for Hartford County in 1678, 1702, 1705, and at other times.

"Att a Town Meeting held in Wethersfield, August ye 10th, 1694, were chosen Listers for this present yeare,—Benjamin Churchill, Ebenezer Kilbourn, John Stodart and John Riley."

"Dec. ye 17th, 1694. Agreement made between the Selectmen of ye town of Wethersfield in ye behalf of ye town, and Ebenezer Kilbourn of ye aforesaid Wethersfield: Know ye that Ebenezer Kilbourn has taken ye plain gate to make and maintain in good repair, and also a full length of fence on ye south and a short length of fence on ye north of ye gate; ye said Kilbourn dos covenant for himself and his successors, that they and each of them shall from time to time and at all times make and maintain ye aforesaid gate, posts, Iron and fence, in good repair. In consideration whereof the Selectmen in ye behalf of ye town, free said Kilbourn from making and maintaining nine rods and a quarter of meddow fence, which said fence was part of his or his father's proportion to make and maintain for lands included within ye meddow fence; to the true performance of which we doe subscribe our names ye day above written.

EBENEZER KYLBORN.

MICHEL GRISWOLD,	} Selectmen."
JOHN CURTIS,	
WM. WARNER,	
J. ROBBINS.	

He was chosen Constable, Dec. 23, 1706, and Dec. 25 1707; and Surveyor, Dec. 18, 1710.

He died (without a Will) on the 16th of December, in the year 1711.

SARAH, was married to Joseph Crane, December 16, 1684. Her children were Sarah, Hannah, Benjamin, Joseph, Hester and David.

4. GEORGE, was born in Wethersfield in 1668. May 16th, 1689, he was married to Abigail, daughter of Capt. Tho. Atwood, by Samuel Talcott, Assistant. Their children—George, Israel, Abigail, Hezekiah, and Pelatiah. He was chosen a Grand Juror, September 5, 1704, and for several succeeding years until 1714, when he refused any longer to serve in that capacity.

“April 19, 1703. A committee of ye old society in Wethersfield, and George Kilbourn, agreed to divide ye fence between said Kilbourn’s Home lott and ye burying ground.”

“December 14, 1709. Capt. Thomas Wells, Sergt. John Curtis and Mr. George Kilbourn, are chosen a Comette for the settlement of the Line with our Neighbors of Hartford, between the stone F N in pennywise and the great River.”

“December 24, 1712. George Kilbourn was chosen Surveyor of Lands for the year ensuing.” “At same meeting it was voted yt Lieut. Churchill, Sergt. Latimore and George Kilborn shall be a Comittee to Run and settle ye Line between ye Westfield Lots and ye Comon or Sequestered Land.”

1714. “Whereas George Kilborn refusing to take the Grand Juror’s oath, Joshua Robbins, 3d, was chosen one of the Grand Jurors in his room, and took the oath at the same time with Sergt. Will Burnham.”

“December 30, 1717. Also, then voted that Mr. George Kilbourn shall have ye whole power to seat all persons in ye meeting house in Wethersfield.”

His will bears date April 16, 1739; the amount of his inventory, taken after his decease, was £1604: 0: 4. A part of his property he bequeathed to his *grand-children* Hezekiah, Keturah, and George.



The inscription upon his tombstone, which is still standing in the Wethersfield graveyard, is as follows: "Here lies the Body of Mr. George Kilborn, who died February 8, 1741, in the 73 year of his age." Abigail his wife died Feb. 8, 1739-40, aged 71.

## MARY.

5. JOSEPH was born in Wethersfield about the year 1672, and was married to Dorathy, daughter of Deac. Samuel Butler, June 4, 1696, by Capt. John Chester, Commissioner. She having died on the 19th of August, 1709, he was married, a second time, to Hester, daughter of Jacob Gibbs, of Windsor, June 29, 1710, by Col. Mathew Allyn, Assistant. The children of Joseph and Dorathy were, Dorathy, Joseph, Jonathan and James; the children of Joseph and Hester were, Benjamin, Hester, Elizabeth and Mary.

He was one of the first settlers of Litchfield, and one of the founders of the Presbyterian church in that town. He was admitted an inhabitant of L. on the 12th of December, 1721, and at the next annual Town Meeting, (holden Dec. 17, 1722,) he was chosen a Selectman, his colleagues being John Stodder and Nathaniel Horsford. At an adjourned meeting holden on the 26th of the same month, he was appointed, with two others, "a committee for building the meeting-house." He served his fellow-townsmen in various offices, and occasionally as Moderator of their town meetings, until his death.

For the following accounts of the lands of Joseph Kilborn, and their location, I am indebted to Geo. C. Woodruff, Esq., the Post Master of Litchfield.

Samuel Lewis and John Man were original proprietors of the town of Litchfield, owning each one-sixtieth part of the township. Jan. 11, 1719-'20, Lewis conveyed his right to Thomas Treadway; and Dec. 8, 1721, Treadway conveyed the same to Joseph Kilbourn, a part of which right had already been surveyed and set out, viz., a fifteen acre home-lot on the corner where the County House and Jail now stand, and extending north 80

rods, (probably to about where Miss Pierce's house now stands,) and west thirty rods in breadth; also, a twenty acre division on the corner above, where Rev. Dr. Beecher formerly resided, extending north fifty-four rods and west sixty rods. July 30, 1720, John Man conveyed his right to James Pike, and May 23, 1722, Pike conveyed the same to Joseph Kilborn.

Our East and West street formerly run straight westerly till it came to a highway once running north past the dwelling of Mr. Alfred Peck. The corner lot was bounded south by the street running west through our village, and west on the highway running north from Peck's, and was surveyed to Joseph Peat; and the lot next east, being 30 rods in width and extending north 80 rods, was surveyed to Man, by him conveyed to Pike, and by Pike to Joseph Kilborn.

The 20<sup>th</sup> acre division belonging to Joseph Kilborn, under Man's right, was bounded east on Bantam river and south on highway; it embraced the land lying north of the East Burying-Ground—the Burying-Ground lying mostly in the original highway.

Joseph Kilborn having thus purchased the original rights of Lewis and Man, had sundry lots surveyed to him under those rights; *each* right entitled him to something like *seven hundred acres* of land. The surveys next after the 20 acre divisions, were lots of 60 acres each. 60 acres were set off to Joseph Kilborn on the hill west of "Butternut brook;" 60 acres on and east of the east branch of Bantam river, "at a place called Lock Hill;" 100 acres half a mile eastward of the south end of the Great Pond; 100 acres "on the east side of Bantam river." I cannot more particularly state the location of these lands. Sundry smaller divisions were made from time to time, and Joseph Kilborn purchased from time to time of others. It is probable that the whole of his rights were not surveyed to him during his life. He owned considerable land in Fat Swamp; 20 acres on Chestnut Hill, bought of Culver, &c., &c.

In relation to the place of residence of Joseph Kilborn, I find that on the 19th of October, 1723, he conveyed to Joseph Kilborn, Jr., "half of that home-lot which *my dwelling house standeth upon*, bounded as followeth—south upon my own land, east upon the highway, north upon Wm. Goodrich, and west upon John Buel." This was the home-lot on the County House corner.

His Will, (omitting the preamble, which is very similar in form to those already printed,) bears date "in the Eleventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, George the Seeond. Anno Domini, 1737," and is as follows;

"*Imp's.* I give and bequeath to Esther K., by dearly beloved Wife, my *gray pacing mare*, and one milch cow.

"*Item.* I give and bequeath to my three daughters, Dorathy wife of Joseph Birge, Esther wife of Samuel Smedley, and Elizabeth wife of Isaac Catlin, Ten Shillings apiece, that being the complement of what I design for their portion of my estate.

"*Item.* I give and bequeath to my son, Jonathan Kilborn, Twenty Acres of land, viz., the last Twenty Acre Division granted and drawn for upon the right of land in Litchfield.

*“Item.* I give and bequeath to my two sons, Joseph and James Kilborn, their heirs and assigns, all the remaining part of my estate, both real and personal, to be equally divided between them, the said Joseph and James Kilborn; always provided that they, the said Joseph and James Kilborn, shall comfortably and decently provide for me and my wife both in sickness and health, for the whole term of our naturall lives. Furthermore, I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons, Joseph and James Kilborn, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do by these presents disallow and revoke all other former Wills and Testaments, ratifying and confirming this and no other, as my last Will and Testament, in virtue whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above mentioned.

JOSEPH KYLLBORN.” [SEAL.]

The above Will was “witnessed” by Rev. Timothy Collens, Elizabeth Collens, and Thomas Lamson; and was proved before the Court in 1744, which renders it probable that Joseph Kilborn died in that year.

6. ABRAHAM, was born at Wethersfield in 1675, and was married on the 26th of October, 1699, to Sarah, daughter of Mr. John Goodrich, by Rev. Stephen Mix. His children were Samuel, Sarah and Abraham.

“Jan. ye 14, 1696-7. Lands belonging to Abraham Kilburn and unto his heirs and assigns forever, Lying in Wethersfield on Connecticut River, which he had by Deed of Gift from his father, Serjt. John Kilburn, as itt appears by his Deed dated Dec. 12th, 1696, signed and sealed by Serjt Kilburn, and witnessed by John Chester and Jonathan Belding, and acknowledged by Capt. John Chester, Commissioner: One piece lying in Middle Pasture in the west field—the ends abutt on Serjt. John Kilburn east, and a highway west, on Joseph Kilburn north, and Daniel Borman south. Another piece lying in the Woods, is part of that Land which fell to Serjt. K. in the division of Land in 1698—the ends abutt on the Common east and west, the sides against Lands of Ebenzer Kilburn north, and David Baldoff(?) south.”

Town Meeting, Wethersfield.—“Dec. ye 20, 1708. Clark Borman, Serjt. Samuel Buck, and Abraham Kilborn, were chosen Listers for ye next yeare.”

He departed this life, March 9, 1712-3 ; and the Inventory on his estate was taken on the 27th of the month following. Among the items mentioned in his inventory, are, “arms and ammunition,” “two horses and a mare,” “one mansion house,” “English Goods to be sold,” “carpenters’ tools,” etc. ; from the two last mentioned items, it may be inferred that he was both a merchant and a carpenter.

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**GENERATION XV.**

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**CHILDREN OF JOHN OF GLASTENBURY.**

SUSANNAH b. Feb 4, 1674, and d. May 7, 1685.

1. JOHN, b. in Glastenbury, Oct. 30, 1676 ; m. Sarah Kimberly, Jan. 25, 1699. His children were Samuel, John, Sarah, and Benjamin. He was chosen a Surveyor of Glastenbury in 1710. Sarah his wife d. Dec. 25, 1713. He removed to Springfield, Mass.

2. EBENEZER, b. in Glastenbury, March 10, 1679 ; m. Sarah Fox in 1698, and had children, Susannah, Ebenezer, Richard, Sarah, Josiah, Elizabeth, Gideon, Ames, Naomi, and David ; Sarah, his wife, having died Oct. 18, 1714, he m. Elizabeth Davis, of Hartford, May 4, 1715, and by her had sons, James, Thomas, (and probably) John, Benjamin, and Gershom—the three last named being b. in Morris county, N. J., where Ebenezer (the father) d. about 1732.

3. JONATHAN, b. in Glastenbury, Sept. 17, 1681, and settled in Colchester in 1707, where he was living in 1755. He had children, Jonathan, Hannah, and Hezekiah.

4. BENJAMIN, b. March 30, 1684. He probably died previous to 1713—as the estate of his brother David, who died that year, was divided between his brothers John, Ebenezer, Jonathan and Abraham ; no mention being made of him, who would, if living, have been entitled by law to a share.

DAVID, b. Feb. 25. 1687 ; d. 1713, leaving no descendants.

5. ABRAHAM, b. in Glastenbury, August 25, 1691, and was m. to Sarah, daughter of John Mitchell, of Hartford, June 5, 1712. Their children were Mitchell, Abraham. and Eliza-

beth : Sarah, his wife, d. Oct. 3, 1719, and he m. Mary, daughter of Rev. Samuel Tudor, of Windsor, and by her had Joseph, Sarah, and Lucy. Mary, his second wife, d. Aug. 5, 1751, and on the 23d of the April following, he m. Abigail House. He served for several years in the various capacities of Selectman, Lister, Town Treasurer, &c.; he was a Representative from Glastenbury to the General Court, in 1721, 1730, and 1756. Died in 1770.

## 2. SERJ. THOMAS.

6. THOMAS, b. at Hockanum about 1677, and was married to Hannah, daughter of Joseph Hills, of Glastenbury, Feb. 1, 1699. Their children were, Thomas, Hannah, Susannah, Dorothy, and Mabel. Died Oct. 8, 1712.

7. JOHN, b. at Hockanum, (now East Hartford,) and was admitted a freeman at Hartford in 1713. His children were Mary, Sarah, Susannah, and John.

MARY, b. 1686, NAOMI b. 1693.

8. SAMUEL, b. 1696.

## 3. EBENEZER.

GRACE, b. June 25, 1693, married a Goodrich.

9. LIEUT. EBENEZER, born in Wethersfield, March 27, 1696, and was m. to Eunice, daughter of Thomas Hale, of Glastenbury, Jan. 28, 1717, by Rev. Timothy Stevens. Their children were Eunice, Timothy, Mary, Anna, and Happy. He was a Grand Juror in 1740, and a Lister in 1743.

*Town Meeting, Wethersfield, Dec. 1st, 1739.*—"Att said meeting Messrs. Samuel Steel, Elizur Goodrich, Ebenezer Kilborn, Ebenezer Belding, Stephen Williams, and Ephraim Deming, were chosen Agents to prosecute such as cutt wood and timber on the Town Commons, contrary to the Lawes of the Colony and the Votes of the Town, and at the cost of the Town."

The following is the inscription on his tomb-stone in the grave yard of Newington parish : "Here lies Interr'd the Body of Lieut. Ebenezer Kilburn, who Departed this Life August the 21st, A : D. 1759, In ye 64th year of his Age."

LIEUT. ELEAZER, b. in Wethersfield, July 26, 1698 ; died (without children) in 1761.

10. JOSIAH, b. in Wethersfield, June 8, 1702, was m. to Ruth, daughter of John Warner, Nov. 27, 1726, by Capt. Joshua Robbins, Justice of the Peace. His children were David, Josiah, John, Richard, Ruth, and Elizabeth. His Will bears date, Dec. 17, 1750. Some years after his marriage, he removed six miles below Wethersfield village, and settled upon a farm situated in the present town of Berlin, then in Farmington, where he died.

DANIEL, born May 5, 1705 ; was married and lived to old age, but left no posterity. He became shiftless, and had an overseer in 1766.

MARGARET, born October 3, 1707.

SARAH, born April 13, 1710 ; married James Norton.

11. GEORGE, born at Wethersfield, April 24, 1712 ; married Abigail, daughter of Benjamin Judd, of Farmington, and had children Joshua, Benjamin, Margaret and Hannah. He died in 1763.

#### 4. GEORGE.

GEORGE, born in Wethersfield, September 14, 1690, and and died of the prevailing sickness, January 5, 1711.

ISRAEL, born May 5, 1692, died at the age of 7 weeks.

ABIGAIL, born September 5, 1696.

12. HEZEKIAH, *A. M.*, born in Wethersfield, June 24, 1700. He graduated at Yale College in 1720, in the same class with the elder President Edwards. On the 19th of December, 1722, he was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Joseph Allen, of New London, by the Rev. Stephen Mix. Their children were, Katurah, Hezekiah, Elisha, George, Elizabeth, Abigail, Mary, and Martha. He was a tavern-keeper in Wethersfield in 1753—his tavern standing three or four rods north of the Congregational church in that town.

*Graduates of Yale College, of the Class of 1720.*—Daniel Turner, M. D., Ebenezer Wakeman, A. M., Rev. Thomas White, A. M., Rev. William Billings, A. M., Hon. Daniel Edwards, Judge Sup. Court, Rev. Jonathan Edwards, Pres't., Rev. Daniel Kirtland, A. M., Samuel Mix, A. M., Hezekiah Kilborn, A. M., Rev. Abraham Nott, A. M., John Walton.

13. PELATIAH, *A. B.*, born at Wethersfield, February 7, 1704 ; graduated at Yale College in 1724 ; was married to

Abigail Beeroft, on the 17th of March, 1745, by David Goodrich, Esq. He lived to old age, and is particularly remembered by many of the aged people in Wethersfield, on account of his antique costume, and his brown wig, the hair of which hung in heavy curls upon his shoulders. He left no descendants.

#### 5. JOSEPH.

DOROTHY, born in Wethersfield, April 17, 1607, was married in Litchfield to Joseph Birge, November 6, 1621, by David Goodrich, Justice of the Peace. She was the maternal ancestor of the Birges of Milton, Conn.

14. CAPT. JOSEPH, born in Wethersfield, July 9, 1700, and emigrated to Litchfield with his father in 1721, where he married Abigail Stockwell, November 12, 1723. He was at various times chosen to the different offices of Lister and Rate Maker, Collector of Town Rates, Grand Juror, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Selectman, &c; and was a Representative from Litchfield to the Legislature or General Court at the October Session, 1752, and at the May Session, 1753. On the formation of the Episcopal Society in Litchfield, he gave to said Society "one-third of an hundred acre lot, situated in South Farms." His place of residence was in West street, half a mile from the Court House, nearly opposite the present dwelling-house of S. G. Braman, Esq. He died in 1756, having survived his wife about eight years; his children were, Elisha, Benjamin, Jeremiah, Ruth, Solomon, Charles, Catharine, Anna, and Abigail.

*Town Meeting, Litchfield, Dec. 10, 1744.*—"Voted, to choose a Committee to treat with Mr. Collens about the present difficulty respecting his salary and absence from the work of the ministry: and Capt John Buel, Capt. Joseph Bird, Maj. Ebenezer Marsh, Capt. Joseph Sanford, Lieut. Joseph Kilborn, Joseph Birge, Capt. Edward Phelps, and Lieut. Benjamin Webster, were the Committee chosen for the business aforesaid."

15. JONATHAN, born in Wethersfield, March 17, 1703, removed to Litchfield at the age of eighteen; was married to Sarah Dickinson, of W., in 1737, by Rev. Daniel Russel. She died April 6, 1739, and on the seventeenth of September, of the



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following year, he was married to Sarah Bliss, of Windsor, by Capt. John Buel, J. P. His children were, Jonathan, Elijah, Joseph, Lemuel, and Jehiel.

*Town Meeting, Litchfield, April 20, 1755.*—"Capt. Moses Stodder, Supply Strong, and Jonathan Kilborn, are chosen a Committee to goe with the Surveyor of the County to the North Line of Litchfield."

16. JAMES, born in Wethersfield, April 13, 1707, removed to Litchfield with his father at the age of fourteen. He was married to Sarah Bissell, September 12, 1733. He was a Grand Juror in 1742 and '61, and a Selectman in 1751, '57, &c. For many years he kept a public house of great reputation on the County House corner in the village of Litchfield. He died June 9, 1762, leaving three sons—Roswell, Appleton, and James.

BENJAMIN, born July 27, 1711, and died at the age of six months.

ESTHER, born August 4, 1713; married Samuel Smedley, of Litchfield, and had children—John, Nehemiah, Jedediah, Esther, Jemima, Samuel, Moses, Ann, Lucina and Joshua.

ELIZABETH, born October 19, 1716; married Isaac Catlin, of Litchfield; her children were, Elizabeth, Elisha, Isaac and Charles.

MARY, born February 9, 1720.

#### 6. ABRAHAM.

17. SAMUEL, born in Wethersfield, January 25, 1700; removed to Litchfield about 1725; married Mary Garrett. The Rev. Isaac Jones, in the Appendix to his Centennial Discourse on the Anniversary of the formation of the Episcopal Society in Litchfield, calls him "a man of great energy and usefulness, from whom the Church in that town expected much." He died December 12, 1748, leaving seven children, viz.: Sarah, Giles, Mary, Cybil, John, Temperance, and Ann. Mary, his wife, died in August, 1778.

*May 12, 1733.*—"Know ye that we, Joseph Kilborn, Samuel Culver, Joseph Birge, John Catlin, and Jonathan Kilborn, for and in consideration of the affection and good will which we have and do bear to Samuel Kilborn, of said Litchfield, and to encourage him in settling in this Town, have given, granted,

&c., to him, a certain parcel of land in said Litchfield, to be taken up in the undivided land of the Thirty Acre Divisions already drawn and granted to each of us, the quantity hereafter mentioned, viz., Joseph Kilborn, fifteen acres; Samuel Culver, three acres; Joseph Birge, six acres; John Catlin, one acre; and Jonathan Kilborn, twelve acres.”—*Land Records*.

SARAH, born May 20, 1702.

18. ABRAHAM, born in Wethersfield, April 12, 1708 removed to Litchfield in early life; was a Selectman in 1746 with Deac. Peter Buel and Capt. Thomas Harrison, and in 1766 with Capt. Oliver Wolcott, Col. Ebenezer Marsh and Jacob Woodruff, and filled the same office, as well as that of Lister, for several years. He was a Representative from Litchfield to the Legislature at four successive sessions, commencing with the May Session, 1769. His children were, Eunice, Isaac, David, Jesse, Rebecca, and Abraham. Rebecca, his wife, died June 16, 1767; he died February 25, 1776.

“At a meeting of the proprietors of Litchfield, legally warned, held in said Litchfield, January 9th, 1727-8—Upon the Request of Abraham Killborn, of Wethersfield, for the liberty of the stream of Bantam River for a Fulling Mill, Voted, That he shall have the liberty of the stream of Bantam River for a Fulling Mill below the corn-mill, where it may be adjudged safe for the owners of the corn-mill and convenient for a Fulling Mill, the place to be determined by a Committee chosen for that work: And that said Killborn, for his encouragement to set up and carry on the clothing trade amongst us, shall have one acre and a half of Land given to him, to be taken up in that corner which Joseph Kilborn’s pike lot abuts, upon the corn-mill pond—Provided, that a Committee chosen for that end, adjudge it may be done without Great Damage to the highway. Upon this consideration it is granted, that said Killborn set up a Fulling Mill in said place, within the space of two years from this Instant, January, 1727-8, and keep it in good repair.”

[The Fulling Mill erected at Bantam Falls, soon after the above date, by Abraham Kilbourn, was the first ever erected in Litchfield county, and was owned and carried on by himself and his descendants for more than one hundred years.]

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The following is from the Rev. Mr. Jones’ Centennial Address, delivered in St. Michael’s Church, Litchfield, Nov 5, 1845. We are informed by Mr. Jones that the meeting alluded to was held in the house, still standing, owned and occupied by the widow of Mr. Timothy Churchill, (and daughter of the late Capt. Lewis Kilbourn,) situated one mile west of the Court House.

“Account of the beginning of the conformity to the Church of England, in Litchfield, in the year 1745, which was called on the 5th day of November by Jacob Griswold, Joseph Kilborn, John Davies, James Kilborn, Thomas Lee,

Samuel Kilborn, Abiel Smith, Joseph Smith, Abraham Kilborn, Elijah Griswold, Isaac Bissell, William Emmons, and Daniel Landon.

This account was copied from the blank leaf of a Bible, owned by Mrs. Deborah Plumb, wife of Mr. Ebenezer Plumb, daughter of Elijah Griswold, granddaughter of Capt. Jacob Griswold, and mother of Rev. Elijah Plumb, an excellent minister of the Episcopal Church, who died a few years since at Northumberland, Pa., beloved and respected by all who were acquainted with him."

[The difficulties arising between 'the Town' and Mr. Collens, (the first Presbyterian minister in L.,) are often mentioned in the records of town meetings.]

"At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield, Feb. 9, 1746-7—Voted, That the Interest Money arising upon the Bonds for which the Parsonage Right was sold, be towards the Payment of Mr. Collens' Rate for the current year."

"In open Town Meeting, James Kilborn, Stephen Smith, Isaac Bissell, Joel Bissell, Thomas Peck, Daniel Landon, Abiel Smith, Elijah Griswold, Joseph Kilborn, Samuel Kilborn, Abraham Kilborn and Henry Gibbs, did *protest against* the above vote."

*Note.*—As a Member of the Colonial Legislature, Abraham Kilbourn was twice a colleague of Ebenezer Marsh, once of David Welch, and once of Oliver Wolcott, afterwards Governor and Signer of the Declaration of Independence.

## GENERATION V.

### 1. JOHN.

1. SAMUEL, born at Glastenbury, February 13, 1701, removed to Springfield, and was probably one of the first settlers of Monson, Mass.—See Barber's "Massachusetts Historical Collections:" 'MONSON.'

2. JOHN, born at Guilford, Conn., in 1704; went to Hartford in his youth, and there learned the tanning and currying business. From thence in early manhood he removed to Northfield, Mass., where he remained until 1749, when he settled in Walpole, N. H., of which place he was one of the first settlers. Soon after the old French War, he went to Springfield, Vt., but subsequently returned to Walpole, and died there in 1789. He left one son (John,) and three daughters. For the following interesting article relative to his history and exploits we are indebted to the New Hampshire Historical Collections, (vol. 2, p. 49;) and may also be found in "The Early History of New England," by Rev. Henry White, (p. 107, Concord edition,) and in Thatcher's "Tales of the Indians."

### "THE HEROES OF WALPOLE.

"The first civilized inhabitant of the present town of Walpole, N. H., was JOHN KILBURN, who settled there in 1749. The large and fertile meadows at the mouth of Cold River, in that township, slightly covered with tall butter-nut and ancient elm trees, presented an inviting prospect to new colonists, and an easy harvest to the hand of cultivation. Just above them, along the easy bank of the Connecticut, was the defile, bounded by steep mountains, which formed the Indian highway to and from Charlestown, the next township. There, too, was the head of shad navigation, the great fishing-ground of the savages from time immemorial. Next below this narrow pass, by the river, and nearer the meadows, is the site of an ancient Indian village, now occupied by a tavern. Next on the south, and bounding the meadows northerly, was Cold River, a small branch of the main stream, overshadowed with tall maples and elms. The meadows themselves were about half a mile in extent; the Connecticut on their western side, and a semi-circle of woods on the east, with a central round eminence, forty feet high, from which issues at this day a medical spring. It was

here that the adventurous and hardy Kilburn built himself a log hut, and here he inhabited the solitude of the forest for two years, without any intercourse with friend or foe.

During this time, his life was one continued scene of danger and hardship. He sought opportunities to cultivate the friendship of the Indians, who roamed and prowled in the woods around him; but in this attempt he was wholly unsuccessful. They avoided him studiously in the day time, and in the night, he soon found that they approached his humble habitation for the purpose of dealing him the deadly blow. He was finally obliged, in consequence of this state of things, to adopt the plan of "camping out" at different places in the woods each night, with nothing but the cold earth for his bed, a bear-skin for his covering, and a cartridge-box for his pillow. In this manner he continued himself to elude the scalping-knives of his lurking enemies, though they not unfrequently visited and plundered his hut in his absence.

In 1751, Colonel Benjamin Bellows obtained the charter of Walpole, and began a small settlement on a spot occupied to this day by the buildings of a gentleman of the same name, about a mile south from the establishment of Kilburn. There was at this time a fort also on the neighboring township of Number-Four, now called Charlestown. These additions to the power of the whites in this quarter, had an essential influence upon the respect and the fear felt for them by the Indians; nor was it long before a company of the latter descended the river in their canoes, landed above the falls, and invited their old acquaintance, Kilburn, to trade with them. He accepted their invitation without scruple or hesitancy, visited their encampment, bought furs of them, and made them presents of flints, flour and fish-hooks. From this time they continued to hunt, fish and lodge occasionally in the neighborhood. The report of their guns, with which the whites had furnished them long ere this, and the smoke of their low wigwams among the trees, became mingled with the familiar occurrences of daily life.

The affairs of the settlers continued to prosper until 1753, when the first alarming incident occurred to disturb their security. Two men, by the names of Twitchell and Flint, who had gone back to the hills, about a mile east of the settlement to procure some ash timber for oars, were fired upon and killed by the Indians. One of them was scalped. The other they barbarously cut open, took out his heart, yet warm, laid it upon his breast; and thus left him to be found by his friends. This massacre was among the first appearances of a rupture of the negotiations for peace pending between England and France, and was the commencement of a new and long series of Indian ravages. It was, moreover, the first christian blood which was spilt in Walpole; and the impression it produced upon the minds of the settlers was proportionably deep and lasting. The bodies of the mur-

dered men were buried near where they were found, in a spot still indicated by a ridge of land, on the west side of the road about two miles north of Walpole village. It was believed by the friends of Twitchell—at least by some of the number—that his guardian spirit continued, as long as his savage murderers lived, to hover over them, by night and by day, and to warn them of the wiles of the Indians. Even a rock in the Connecticut river, where he used to fish with never-failing success, was for a long time held in religious veneration; and few, it is rumored, of all those who to this day go to angle from “Twitchell’s Rock,” return without taking from the stream a generous fry.

In the spring of 1755, an Indian by the name of Philip, who had just learned enough of English to be understood, visited Kilburn’s log-house, under pretence of being upon a hunting excursion and in want of provisions. He was treated with kindness and furnished liberally with flints, meal and various other articles which he asked for. Soon after his departure, it was ascertained that the same Indian had visited all the settlements on Connecticut river about the same time, and with the same plausible story. The conclusion was, with Kilburn and his fellow settlers, that Philip was a scout employed by the enemy. This suspicion was soon after confirmed by intelligence received at all the forts on the frontier, through a friendly Indian, from Gov. Shirley at Albany. He stated that four or five hundred of the savages were collected in Canada, whose object it was to butcher the whole white population on Connecticut river.

The settlers—and those of Walpole among the number—were startled by these tidings; but they were not disheartened. They valued their hard-earned harvests and their solitary homes in the wilderness, humble as they were, too high to leave them from the mere apprehension of danger. They had been accustomed, too, to all the hardships of a rude life; and long had they looked for the time to come, as it came now, when they must defend themselves or die in the cause.

Kilburn and his comrades now fortified their habitations round about by a palisade of stakes, with such other preparations of the same nature as their means allowed. On these alone they depended for safety—the nearest garrison, (a force of 100 men,) being a mile distant, at the settlement of Col. Bellows. Measures being thus prudently taken, nothing remained but to wait for the onset of the enemy. On the 17th of August, 1755, Kilburn, and his son, in his eighteenth year, a man by the name of Peak, and his son, were returning from work about noon, when one of them suddenly discovered the red legs of Indians among the alders that skirted the meadows, as thick, in his own language, “as grass-hoppers.” They instantly fled for the house, fastened the doors, and began to make preparations for an obstinate defence. In this they were assisted as well as encouraged by Kilburn’s wife and daughter Hitty, whose particular charge, however, it was to keep a watch upon the movements of the enemy.

In about fifteen minutes the latter were seen crawling up the bank east of the house, and as they crossed the foot-path one by one, one hundred and ninety-seven were counted; about the same number remaining in ambush near the mouth of Cold River. The object of *this* party was to way-lay Col. Bellows and his men, whom they knew to be working at his mill about a mile east. Before a great while, accordingly, these people came along, each carrying a bag of meal on his back. Presently their dogs began to growl, and to betray other symptoms of having discovered or suspected an enemy. All this Bellows understood perfectly well, nor was he at a loss in forming his opinions of the state of the case. He had no doubt the Indians were close at hand, in ambush, and he took his measures accordingly. He ordered all his men, about thirty, to throw down their meal, and advance to the rising ground before them, carefully crawl up the bank, spring upon their feet, give one shout, and instantly drop among the tall sweet fern, which in that place covered the ground.

The manœuvre succeeded; for as soon as the shout was heard, the Indians all arose from their ambush in a semi-circle around the path Bellows was to follow. This gave his party a fine chance for a fair shot; and they improved it promptly by a general discharge, which so disconcerted the plans of the Indians, that they darted away in the bushes, without firing a single shot. Perceiving, however, that their party was too numerous for his, he ordered his men to file off to the south, and make for the fort. Not long after, these Indians came out upon an eminence east of Kilburn's house. Here, the "old devil," Philip, as he was now generally called—being the same wily savage which had visited Kilburn the season previous—came forward, secured himself behind a large tree, and called loudly for those in the house to surrender. "Old John—young John," he cried, "I know you—come out here—we give good quarter!" "Quarter!" shouted Kilburn, with a tremendous voice which thrilled through every Indian heart—"Quarter! you black rascals, begone—or we will *quarter* you!"

Thus disappointed in his application, Philip returned to the main body of his companions. After a few minutes' consultation, the Indian war-whoop was raised, as if, in Kilburn's rude language, "*all* the devils had been let loose." Kilburn was nothing daunted by this performance, however; and he even managed to get the first fire, before the smoke of the enemies' guns obstructed his aim. He was confident that this discharge brought down an Indian, who, from his extraordinary size, and from other circumstances, appeared to be Philip. A moment after, the companions of the fallen savage—now mustered in full force—rushed fiercely forward to the work of destruction; and probably not fewer than four hundred bullets were lodged in Kilburn's house at the first fire. The roof especially was made a "perfect riddle-sieve." This leaden shower was kept up for some time, with an incessant blaze and clamor, while detachments of the enemy

were amusing themselves with butchering the stray cattle, and destroying the hay and grain in the surrounding meadow.

Kilburn and his men, meanwhile, were by no means idle. Their powder was already poured into hats for the convenience of loading in a hurry, and every thing prepared for a spirited defence or a glorious death. They had several guns in the house, all of which were kept hot by incessant firing through the port-holes ; and as they had no ammunition to spare, each one took special aim, to have every bullet tell. The women assisted in loading the guns. When the stock of lead grew scanty, they had also the presence of mind to suspend blankets horizontally near the roof of the house, inside, to catch the enemy's balls. These they immediately run into new bullets, if necessary, while the men took it upon themselves to have them returned to the savages with interest.

The latter made several attempts to burst open the doors of the house, but the fire of the brave little band was too hot for them. Most of time, therefore, they endeavored to keep behind stumps, logs, and trees, evidently showing, by this management, that they began to feel the force of the remark made to them by Kilburn, as we have seen in the onset. A continual firing, however, was kept up on their part until near sundown. Then they gradually retreated ; and when the sun had sank behind the western hills, the sound of the guns and the cry of the war-whoop died away in silence.

How many of the enemy fell on this occasion, never was ascertained. Of the little garrison, Peak only was wounded in the hip, by exposing himself too much before a port-hole ; and for want of surgical aid, this proved fatal on the sixth day. The French and Indian war continued until 1763, but the village of Walpole was not afterwards molested in any instance by the enemy.

Kilburn united in his character, all that makes a successful warrior. No man had more of ready foresight and prudence—none could be more intrepid and brave. He lived to see his family settled and flourishing, and the fourth generation coming upon the stage. A plain unpolished stone points out the spot in the burying ground of the village, where sleep his mortal remains under this inscription :

In memory of

JOHN KILBURN, who departed  
this life for a better, April 8th, 1789, in  
the 85th year of his age. He was  
the first settler of this town,  
in 1749.

His son, "young John," revisited the scene of his youthful exploits for the last time in 1814. He died in 1822, among his children at Shrewsbury, Vermont.



SARAH.

3. BENJAMIN, born in Glastenbury, June 10, 1712.

2. EBENEZER.

SUSANNAH, born in Glastenbury, February 7, 1699.

EBENEZER, born January 1, 1700; married Martha —; died in 1770. He left no children.

4. RICHARD, born February 8, 1702.

SARAH, born October 29, 1704.

5. JOSIAH, born May 28, 1706; married Mary —. He lived in Hebron from 1728 to 1754, when he removed with his family to Gilsun, N. H., of which place he was the first settler—a grand-daughter of his being the first white child born within the limits of that town. His children were, Ebenezer, Joel, Josiah, Temperance, Mary, and another daughter who married a Porter and removed to Nova Scotia.

6. GIDEON, born March 30, 1710.

7. AMOS, born August 19, 1712.

8. DAVID and NAOMI, (twins,) born October 12, 1714.

9. JAMES, born July 3, 1716; married and settled at Fish-kill, on the Hudson river. He was drowned in attempting to cross the river on the ice.

10. THOMAS, born April 13, 1718. At the age of fifteen, as appears by the Hartford Probate Records, he chose a guardian; I have found nothing further concerning him.

11. JOHN, born in Morristown, N. J.; about the year 1745, he married Hannah Sumner of Hebron. He resided for some years in Colchester, and was a Representative from that town to the General Court at the October session, 1754, and again in the year following. In 1756, he removed to Hebron, where he remained a few years, and then emigrated up the Connecticut river, and settled in or near Surry, N. H. At the commencement of the French War, he received a Lieutenant's commission under Sir William Johnson, and, at the battle of Lake George, headed a scouting party in concert with the celebrated Mohawk chief, Hendrick—which being sur-

prised by a body of Indians in ambush, Hendrick was shot dead by his side, and himself severely wounded. In 1769 he removed to Claremont, N. H., where he died in September, 1776. He had but one child (John) who lived to mature age.

12. BENJAMIN, born at Morristown, N.J.; settled in Bolton, Conn., where he married Elizabeth Goodrich, March 14, 1754. In 1760 he removed to Nova Scotia, where he remained a few years, and then returned and settled in Wyoming, Pa., in 1774. But their new home in the depths of the forest was surrounded by perils which they little anticipated. Hostilities having then recently commenced between the United Colonies and the mother country, the British had leagued with the Indians for the destruction of the unprotected white settlers. In 1778, as is well known, the total destruction of all the white settlements in the Valley of Wyoming took place. Benjamin Kilbourn and family escaped the terrible massacre as by a miracle. They were awakened the night previous to the bloody incursion of Brandt and Butler, by a faithful dog, which, by its incessant barking, appeared to be keeping some unusual enemy at bay. They arose, procured lights, and prepared to defend themselves as best they could; they remained through the night, however, unmolested. Early on the following morning, they received such intelligence from a friendly Indian as led them to apprehend an attack from the foe, and they, in company with a few of their more immediate neighbors, precipitately fled from the valley just in time to avoid the fate which so suddenly fell upon all whom they left behind them. His property having been mainly destroyed by the savages, Mr. K. returned to Connecticut, where he spent most of his remaining days. He died about the year 1820, in Belchertown, Mass. His children were, Elizabeth, Lucretia, Lucy, Benjamin, John, Gustavus, Cleopatra, Hannah, Jonathan and Moses.

13. GERSHOM, who lived at Orange, Essex Co., N. J., and who died in 1813 at an advanced age, is believed to have

been a member of this family. I learn from a son of his, now living, that he was born at "Pigeon Hill," Morris county, N. J. He had sons, Moses, Jabez D., and Daniel.

### 3. JONATHAN.

14. JONATHAN, born in Glastenbury in 1706, and was consequently but little more than a year old when his father removed to Colchester. He was married in Colchester to Mary Skinner, October 20, 1734. He became a man of great wealth for those times, and was the owner of several valuable mills of different kinds, in East Haddam and Colchester; and he was also particularly distinguished as an inventor. He was a Representative to the General Court from Colchester at the May session, 1750, and was chosen to the same station at seven subsequent elections, besides being for several years the only Magistrate in the town. He was an intimate friend of the elder Governor Trumbull—they frequently performing "horse-back journeys" to and from Colchester and Lebanon, on visits to each other of from one to three weeks. He invented the iron screw, also an apparatus for pressing cloth, and another for pressing flax-seed, used in the manufacture of linseed oil. There is now in possession of Joel Foote, Esq., of Marlboro', Conn., a large iron screw, with brass boxes, weighing in all over 200 lbs., made by Jonathan Kilborn for pressing cloth; they are worthy of special notice from the fact that they are the first screw and boxes *ever* cut by machinery in this or any other country. It has with propriety been suggested that they be purchased and placed in the National Institute at Washington city. Barber, in his "Connecticut Historical Collections," (p. 306,) says:

"Mr. Kilborn lived about a mile south of the Academy [in Colehester.] He was an uncommonly ingenious mechanic, and it is said was the inventor of the iron screw. It is also stated that he admitted an Englishman into his shop, who, observing his invention, took the proper dimensions, &c., went to England, and claimed to be the original inventor."

In our Colonial Legislature, July 2, 1775, it was

Voted, That a quantity of lead owned by Jonathan Kilborn, Esq., of Colchester, and used by him on the water-wheel of his saw mill, should not be taken from him, for public use, until actually wanted; and then only by the Selectmen of Colchester, without further orders.—*Hinman's History of the Revolution*, p. 363.

In the Colchester Burying-Ground are two red tomb-stones, standing side by side, from which the following inscriptions are copied :

In memory of  
JONATHAN KILBORN, Esq.,  
who departed this life  
Oct'r. 14th, A. D. 1785,  
in the 79 year  
of his age.

— —

He was a man of invention great,  
Above all that lived nigh;  
But he could not invent to live  
When God called him to die.

In memory of  
Mrs. MARY KILBORN,  
the Excellent and Honourable  
wife of  
Jonathan Kilborn, Esq.,  
who departed this life  
August 11th, A. D. 1780;  
in the 65th year  
of her age.

HANNAH, married a Dean.

15. HEZEKIAH, born in Colchester, where he also lived and died. His children were, Hezekiah, Asa, Elijah, Ann, Elizabeth, and Dimis. His will bears date, October 4, 1785.

#### 5. ABRAHAM, OF GLASTENBURY.

MITCHELL, born August 16, 1714, and died at the age of two years.

ABRAHAM, born February 26, 1716, and died September 23, 1741. Unmarried.

ELIZABETH, born, February 19, 1719; and married Oliver Dudley, Esq., of Guilford, Nov. 26, 1738.

.16 JOSEPH, born January 14, 1723; married Mary, daughter of Mr. Joseph Hollister, March 1, 1744. His children were, Mary, Ann, Abigail, Nancy, Mable, Esther, Abraham, and Joseph. Died in Glastenbury.

SARAH, born January 1, 1725 ; married Samuel Talcott.

LUCY, born December 30, 1731 ; married Samuel Welles, son of Thaddeus Welles, August, 1752.

6. THOMAS.

17. THOMAS, born at Hockanum, (now East Hartford,) September 8, 1705 ; married Mary Diggins, May, 1729. His children were—Thomas, Nathaniel, Thankful, Susannah, Jeremiah, Russel, and Jerusha. Died April 24, 1748, ; amount of his inventory, £4635 : 19 : 8. Mary, his wife, died Oct. 31, 1761. For several years he was a resident of Middletown.

7. JOHN.

18. JOHN, born in East Hartford ; in 1744, he married Mary —, and had children, John, Samuel, Stephen, Mary, Martha, and Freeman ; his wife having died, he was married to Rosanna, and had Lucy.

9. LIEUT. EBENEZER.

EUNICE, born in Newington, (a parish of Wethersfield,) February 14, 1718.

NAOMI, married Samuel Butler.

19. TIMOTHY, born in Newington, August 22, 1723 ; was married to Prudence Deming, August 15, 1754, by Rev. Joshua Belding. Himself and his three sons were soldiers in the Revolutionary Army. His children were, Timothy, Seth, Happy, Simon, and Abigail.

MARY, born March 4, 1725 ; married Josiah Curtis, of Wethersfield.

ANNE, born June 20, 1728 ; married Janna Deming, of Newington, and had eleven children, all of whom lived until the youngest was upwards of forty years of age.

HAPPY, born June 17, 1730 ; married Timothy Wadsworth, of Farmington.

10. JOSIAH,

20. DAVID, born in Wethersfield, December 21, 1727 ; was a soldier in the Northern Army in the old French War, and is said to have participated in the reduction of Louisbourg. Being subsequently taken sick near Lake George, and conse-

quently unable to continue in the service, he procured an honorable discharge, and, though weak, started homeward on foot. After a slow and wearisome journey of many days, he succeeded in reaching the inn of his cousin, James Kilborn, in the village of Litchfield, Conn.; and being unable to proceed farther, his brother Josiah was sent for, who shortly after arrived and remained with him until his death. He was interred in the west Burying Ground in Litchfield. Administration on his estate was granted to Joseph Kilborn, of Farmington, Dec. 5, 1753.

RUTH, married Robert Booth, of Farmington, in 1757.

21. JOSIAH, born in Wethersfield in 1730; removed to New Britain with his parents in early childhood, where he continued to reside until his death. In 1754 he married Anna Neal, of New Britain. His children were, Josiah, William, Anna, Eunice, Lemuel, Urania, James, Azuba, Deborah, and Amaza. Through a long and useful life, he was distinguished for his many social virtues, his dignified deportment, and the strength and vigor of his intellect. Died in 1814, aged 74.

22. JOHN, born in New Britain in 1733; married Jemima Neal, and had three sons, all of whom died in infancy; he died in New Britain in 1781.

23. RICHARD, born in New Britain, 1735; married Mary Brownson in 1763, and had Clarissa, Mercy, Iniphenia, Lemon, Elijah, Rachel, and David. He settled in Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N. Y.

ELIZABETH, married Jedediah Norton.

## II. GEORGE.

24. JOSHUA, born in New Britain, March 9, 1742; married Mehetable Mather in 1763, and died in 1775; his children were, Mehetable, Elizabeth, George, William and Joshua. Mehetable, his wife, died in 1820, aged 86.

25. BENJAMIN, born in New Britain; married Esther — in 1770, at which time he resided in Pittsfield, Mass.; he subsequently removed to Hubbardton, Vt. A correspondent says of him, "he was an enthusiast in religion, and al-

ways poor." Of his family, if he had any, I have no knowledge.

MARGARET, lived to advanced age, but was never married.

HANNAH.

## 12. HEZEKIAH, A. M.

KATURAH, born in Wethersfield January 16, 1724. She lived (unmarried) to old age, and went by the sobriquet of "Aunt Kate."

HEZEKIAH, born in Wethersfield, February 11, 1725, and died at sea—unmarried. His Will commences as follows:

"June 12, 1753.—On board the ship *Lyon*, Barbot master, from the Island of Bermuda, to Rhode Island—In the name of God, Amen: I, HEZEKIAH KILBOURN, of the town of Wethersfield, County of Hartford, and Province of Connecticut, but late of the Island of Bermuda, mariner," &c.; in which he bequeaths "the proceeds of *three hogsheads of Rum* to [his] father, Hezekiah Kilbourn, of Wethersfield, tavern-keeper." The remainder of his property he bequeathed to his brothers and sisters. Inventory taken Nov. 23, 1753.

26. ELISHA, born in Wethersfield about 1727; married Sarah, daughter of Capt. Jonathan Robbins, of that town, and settled in Sandisfield, Mass. He was originally a joiner and carpenter, but after his removal to Sandisfield, in consequence of the difficulty in obtaining leather, he commenced tanning hides for his own use, and afterwards for the use of his neighbors—until he ultimately became extensively engaged in the business, and amassed therein a considerable property. He laid the foundation of the extensive tanning and currying works on the stream a short distance north of the village, where the business was afterwards for many years successfully carried on by his son, Jonathan Kilborn. The dwelling-house which he built on the premises, and occupied until his death, is still standing. His children were, Elisha Huldah, Hezekiah, Charles, Sarah, Jonathan, Ashur, Robbins, Hopeful, Robert and Allen.

27. GEORGE, born in Wethersfield; was married, Nov. 1, 1753, by Rev. James Lockwood, to Rebecca Belding, who died, leaving one child; he was married (2d time) to Abigail

Pierpont, of New London, Nov. 10, 1763, by Rev. Edward Eels. Died Feb. 7, 1777. Children — Abigail, Rebecca, George, Rebecca 2d, Joshua, Martha, and Jonathan-Pierpont.

ELIZABETH, married James Curtis, May 18, 1749.

ABIGAIL, married James Ayrauld.

MARY, married Ambrose Clark, of Middletown.

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NATHANIEL [?] This name occurs on the Hartford Probate Records, in a single instance, in the settlement of the estate of Hezezhiah Kilborn, Sen. Probably he died in youth, as aged persons now living, who recollect all the other members of this family, have no recollection or knowledge of him.

#### 14. CAPT. JOSEPH.

[Two sons died in infancy.]

28. ELISHA, born in Litchfield, Oct. 26, 1726; was a Grand Juror in that town in 1753, and late in life he removed to Castleton, Vermont.

29. LIEUT. BENJAMIN, born in Litchfield, April 4, 1728; was married to Hannah Stoddard, December 5, 1751, by Rev. Timothy Collins. She died October 3, 1756, aged 24 years — and on the 20th of March of the succeeding year, he married Lucy Bishop. On the breaking out of the Revolution, he, (in common with very many prominent and influential men in his native town,) steadfastly adhered to the cause of the king. He is spoken of by those who remember him, as a man of uncommon energy of character, and was accustomed to speak with great freedom and often with severity relative to what he considered the 'rebellion;' yet none were more liberal or humane to those who were suffering in the cause of their country. The following paragraph from the Hon. R. R. Hinman's 'War of Revolution,' [p. 199,] shows the nature of the charges preferred against him, and at the same time exhibits the novel case of a 'King's Attorney' informing against and prosecuting a subject for adhering to the king's cause.



"Hon. Andrew Adams, attorney of the king for Litchfield County, informed that BENJAMIN KILBOURN, who was Lieutenant in the 1st Military Company in Litchfield, had at sundry times declared that he wished there were ten hundred thousand regular troops then landed in the Colony, and that he would join them to subdue the Americans who were in a state of rebellion; that the commanding officer who fired upon the town Falmouth, treated the inhabitants too mildly and gently, much more so than he would have done if he had had the command; that he would join the regulars, and would kill some of the inhabitants, &c., &c. The Legislature cashiered the said Benjamin for his offences, and an order was given to fill the vacancy in said company. And said Attorney was ordered by said Assembly to prosecute the said Benjamin for his offences."—*Proceedings of General Assembly, Special Session, Dec. 1775.*

He continued to reside in Litchfield until some years after the close of the war, when he removed with most of his family to Elizabethtown, near Brockville, Upper Canada—being determined, as he said, to 'lay his bones on King George's soil.' As he was making preparations to remove, a neighbor expressed surprise that, at his age, and after the causes of difference between him and some of his fellow-townsmen had been removed, he should resolve upon emigrating to so distant a section of the country; to which he responded with characteristic zeal and earnestness—'Blood!\* Col. B., *I want to breathe some of King George's air before I die!*' Died at Elizabethtown in 1810, aged, 83. His children were, Ruth, Lewis, Charles, Benjamin, David, Samuel, Joseph, Lucy, William, and Polly.

JEREMIAH, born July 17, 1733; died in infancy.

RUTH, born May 9, 1734; married Nathaniel Culver.

30. SOLOMON, born in Litchfield, March 1, 1736; was married to Anna Palmer, April 8, 1756; and died July 30, 1806. His children were, Rachel, Hannah, Jeremiah, Solomon, Anna Olive, Whitman, and Sibbil.

CHARLES, born February 21, 1740; was killed in youth by being run over by a cart, near the present residence of Mr. Amos Bissell, in Litchfield. The following inscription is copied from his tomb-stone:

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\* A common expression or 'by-word.'

"CHARLES, son of Capt. Joseph and Mrs. Abigail Kilborn; he was Killed by a Cart, May 25, 1756, aged 17.

"Deth Conquers all both yung and old,  
tho' ee'r so wise, discreet and bold,  
in helth and strength this youth did die,  
In a Moment with out one Cry."

CATHARINE, born April 19, 1742; married a Marsh.

ANNA, born March 7, 1730; married Thomas Goodwin, of South Farms.

ABIGAIL, born in Litchfield, May 20, 1744; married Zechariah Whitman, Esq., of Bridgewater, Mass. Her children were, Hon. Kilborn Whitman, of Pembroke, [graduated at Harv. Coll. 1785,] for several years a distinguished Member of the Massachusetts Senate; Benjamin Whitman, Esq. Attorney, of Boston, [grad. Bowdoin Coll. 1788,] Casandra and Angelina.

#### 15. JONATHAN.

31 JONATHAN, born in Litchfield March 25, 1739; was married to Mehetable Agard, of Torrington, and removed to Williamstown, Mass., when that place was a wilderness. He died in 1772, aged 33 years—leaving five sons, viz., James, Uri, Zacheus, Caleb, and Joseph.

ELIJAH, born Jan. 17, 1742, and died at the age of six years.

32. JOSEPH, born in Litchfield March 5, 1744; was married to Elizabeth Marsh, November 30, 1765, by Ebenezer Marsh, J. P. Admitted a freeman in L., September 19, 1769. His children were, Susannah, Timothy, Elizabeth, and Aaron. Removed to Niagara Co., N. Y.

33. LEMUEL, born in Litchfield; was married to Phebe Judson, of Huntington, March 17, 1762, by Rev. Jedediah Mills, and had three children, viz., Lemuel-Judson, Philo, and Mary. He resided for several years in Granby, Conn.

34. JEHIEL, born in Litchfield; married Amy Vaill, of that town, and had nine children, viz., Ozias, Urania, Rhoda, Diantha, Heman, Huldah, Sally, Heman 2d, and Lois. He removed to Kortright, Delaware Co., N. Y., where he died April 18, 1803.

#### 16. JAMES.

35. ROSWELL, born in Litchfield, June 29, 1734; mar-

ried Irene Bacon, and had three children—Rhoda, Roswell, and Anna; Irene, his wife, died in February 1768, and in the succeeding January he was married to Patience Jenkins, (by Rev. Judah Champion,) by whom he had Irene, Rebecca John, and Joseph. He was elected "Collector of Town Rates" in 1757; was a soldier in the revolutionary army, and died while in the service of the 'camp distemper,' February 8, 1777.

36. APPLETON, born in Litchfield, September 12, 1736; was admitted a freeman April 15, 1762. He had one daughter, Clarissa, who married Heman Beach.

LUCY, married Roger Marsh, of Litchfield.

RHODA, born May 9, 1744; married Charles Webster.

HONOR, married Stephen Webster of Litchfield, September 8, 1765; their children were—Truman, Charles and John.

37. JAMES, born in Litchfield January 3, 1750; married Molly Crampton, May 14, 1771. In early life he went several voyages to sea as a whaler. While a resident of Litchfield, he owned and lived on the farm where Maj. David Marsh now resides, about a mile north of the Court-house. During the Revolution, he entered the American army as Quarter Master; and subsequently served as Lieutenant of Artillery.—In 1780 he removed with his family to Castleton, Vermont, where he continued to reside until 1798, when he emigrated to Canada. He was a tanner and currier, and farmer. His children were—James, Abel, Eli, Hiram, Sarah, Mary, Rebecca and Ruth. Died at Kitley, District of Johnstown, Canada, in Dec. 1820.

RACHEL, born July 4, 1753; married Silas Dibble, February 7, 1772.

#### 17. SAMUEL.

SARAH; born January 13, 1726, married Lieut. Amos Parmelee, of Litchfield; her sons were, John, Amos, Heman and Samuel.

38. GILES, born in Litchfield, January 25, 1728; his first wife was a Pettibone, of Goshen, by whom he had one son,

Samuel. His second wife was Chloe Munger, by whom he had Rhoda, Anna, Olive, Laura, John, Mary, Elizabeth, Chauncey and Sabra. He served in two or three campaigns of the Revolution as a substitute for his son Samuel, who had enlisted 'during the war.' He was a joiner and carpenter, and was particularly famous as a mill-wright; he built St. Paul's Church, in Litchfield, (recently demolished,) and several of the dwelling houses in Litchfield village—among which are, the 'Tallmadge House,' the 'Lord House,' the residence of Asa Bacon, Esq., &c. Died Sept. 13, 1797. Chloe, his wife, died October 10, 1824, aged 95 years;—she was the oldest person in Litchfield.

MARY, born January 17, 1730; married Nathaniel Woodruff in 1749; her children were, Sarah [wife of Ezra Plumb,] Hannah, Thankful, [wife of Nath'l Brown, and mother of Solyman, *A. M.*, *M. D.*, grad. Yale Coll. 1812,] Nathaniel, Subel, Rhoda, Asceneth, Ezekiel, [Esq., attorney, grad. Yale Coll. 1779,] Mary, [wife of John Russell, and mother of John Russell, Esq., Judge of Probate for the District of Hartford.]

CYBIL, born January 31, 1732; m. John Dibble of Goshen.

39. JOHN, born in Litchfield April 15, 1735; married Anna, daughter of Abiel Smith; he was a resident of Goshen in 1762, but soon after removed with his father-in-law to Adams, Mass., of which town he was one of the first settlers. The first dwelling erected by him in that town, occupied the present site of the Friends' Meeting House. In 1797, he removed with most of his family to Herkmer Co., N. Y., where he and his wife died. Their children were, John, Mary Ann, Jacob, James, Abigail, Mabel, Giles and Truman.

TEMPERANCE, born Oct. 18, 1739, lived to old age, and died unmarried.

ANN, born July 4, 1742; married Aaron Stoddard, Litchfield.

#### 18. ABRAHAM.

EUNICE, born November 7, 1735; married to John Stoddard in 1755; her sons were, Daniel, Jesse, Levi and John.

40. ISAAC, born in Litchfield, January 16, 1739; was married to Mehetable Doolittle, May 8, 1757, by Rev. Solomon

Palmer, Missionary. The name of his second wife was Edna Wedge. He had twenty children, several of whom died young. Died 1807.

41. DAVID, born in Litchfield, April 28, 1742; was married to Louisa Borden, April 2, 1763, by Rev. Judah Champion. She died November 2, 1768, and he was married to Diadema Kilbourn. He was a Lister in 1767, '68, and '69; "Receiver of the Town Rate," in 1768; Grand Juror in 1782, '90, &c. His children were, Theral, Orange, James, Levi, Reuben, Samuel, and Erastus. Died in Litchfield, September 20, 1815.

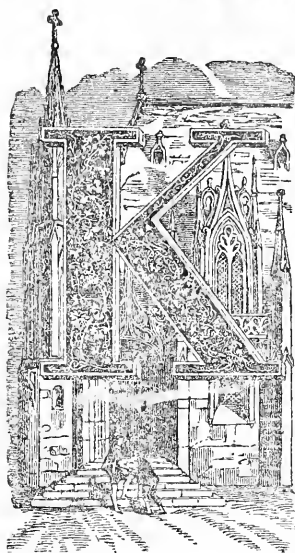
42. JESSE, born in Litchfield, January 2, 1744; married Sarah Mattocks, February 24, 1765, (by Rev. Judah Champion.) She died January 19, 1805; his second wife was Clara Twitchel, who died in 1809; his third wife was Eunice Wright. The children of Jesse Kilbourn by his first wife, were, Lucretia, Jacob, Heman, Elizabeth, Heman 2d, Jesse, Truman, Sarah, Molly, and Diantha. He was frequently a Grand Juror and Selectman. Died April 2, 1813.

REBECCA, born January 26, 1746; married Uriah Catlin, December 4, 1765. She died of a cancer.

ABRAHAM, died September 3, 1767.

EUNICE, married Elkinah Hoskins, September 18, 1784: afterwards to George Bissell, of Salisbury.

## GENERATION VI,



## ILBOURNE.

KILBON.

DURING this Generation, and the next preceding, different branches of the family seem to have adopted, with some degree of permanence, different modes of spelling the name. *Kilburn*, came into general use in the Walpole Branch; *Kilbourn*, in the Branch which remained at Wethersfield; *Kilbourne*, in the New Britain Branch; *Kilborn*, in the Colchester, Litchfield, Glastenbury and East Hartford Branches; *Kilbon*, in the Springfield Branch; *Kilburn* and *Kelburn*, in the New Jersey Branch, &c. Within a few years, however, *Kilbourn*, has gone into very frequent use among the members of the Litchfield, Colchester, Glastenbury and Hartford Branches.

## 1. SAMUEL.

1. JONATHAN, was married, and, I am informed, had a family—but I have learned nothing concerning them.

2. SAMUEL, born in Wilbraham, Mass., in 1735. His children were, Luther, Jonathan, Abigail, Belinda, and Olive. Died in or near Wilbraham, in 1807.

[There were, perhaps, other members of this family. A daughter married — Morgan, of Springfield.]

## 2. JOHN. "THE HERO OF WALPOLE."

3. JOHN, born in 1735; married Miss Content Carpenter, daughter of the Rev. Ezra Carpenter, of Swanzey, N. H. He

continued to reside at Walpole until the winter of 1793, when he removed to Shrewsbury, Vt., at which place he died, July 20, 1819,\* aged 83. He was chosen Selectman of Walpole in 1755, '56, '57, and '58, and was also a Justice of the Peace. The names of his children who lived to mature age, are, John, Ezra-Carpenter, Elijah, Theodosia, Elizabeth and Esther.

#### 5. JOSIAH.

4. EBENEZER, born at Hebron, Conn., and removed to Gilsum, N. H., with his father, at the age of 18; married Je-minia Ford, of his native town. "He was a Captain in the revolutionary army, and subsequently a Deacon of the Congregational Church. His house was a home for the citizens of the town and the people of God. Died at his residence in Gilsum, August 2, 1810, aged 66 years, leaving ten children."\* His second wife was Sarah Bill, also of Hebron, who was the mother of all his children, except the eldest.

5. JOEL, married a Bliss, of Gilsum, where he lived for several years, but subsequently removed to Jericho, Vt., and died there. His children were, Josiah, Joel, Lucy and Wealthy.

6. REV. JOSIAH, *A. M.*, born at Hebron, Oct. 13, 1752—removed to Gilsum with his father at the age of ten years, at which time there was not another family in the town. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1778, and was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Chesterfield, Mass., in 1780; married Temperance Dewey, of Gilsum, and died a few months after his ordination, aged 29 years.

#### II. JOHN.

7. JOHN, born in Clermont, N. H., February 2, 1772, where he resided with his mother until 1794, when he removed to Wethersfield, Vt., and was there married to Nancy Melinda Hubbard, daughter of Col. Joseph Hubbard, on the 29th of November, 1795. While a resident of the latter place, he was engaged in the mercantile business. In 1799, he settled in Bristol, Addison county, Vt.; in 1801, he was commissioned as Captain of Light Infantry, and the same year received and

\* MS. letter from his grandson, EZRA C. KILBURN, Esq., Walpole.

† MS. letter from Rev. DAVID KILBURN, Barre, Ms., Sept. 1, 1845.

accepted the appointment of Justice of the Peace, which latter office he held for a period of eleven years. In 1820, he removed with most of his family to Clinton, Niagara District, Upper Canada, where he continued to reside until his death, March 14, 1843, aged 71 years, leaving a widow and ten children. The names of his sons are, John-Henry, Rowley, Harmon, Adolphus, and Cyrus.

12. BENJAMIN.

LUCRETIA, born at Bolton, Conn., November 11, 1756; died at Wyoming, Pa., in 1784.

ELIZABETH, born at Bolton; married Ozias Bissell, of Manchester.

LUCY, was married, in 1786, to Daniel Lawrence, who was killed at the fort at Wyoming, by the British and Indians, in 1789; she subsequently married Ebenczer Strong, of Bolton, and died in 1794.

8. BENJAMIN, born in the Province of Nova Scotia in 1761, and removed with his father to Wyoming, Pa., in 1774. He was a Sergeant of a company of light infantry at the capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown, Va. After the war, he married and settled in Blount county, Tennessee, where he was living about twenty years since. I have learned nothing of his family.

9. JOHN, born in Nova Scotia in 1763; removed from thence to Wyoming, and from thence to Connecticut, with his father. In 1781, at the age of eighteen, he enlisted as a Volunteer for the defence of Fort Trumbull, near New London. While the British were on their way to destroy New London, they were much annoyed by the firing from Fort Trumbull, and a detachment was sent by the British commander to take the fort. It had been finished only on the water-side—the land-side being in a very defenseless condition. From the time the firing commenced, the subject of this notice had been stationed at a twelve-pounder, with which he did good service. An incessant firing was kept up until the enemy were just upon them, when the order was given by the American Captain, to spike the guns and cross to Fort Griswold on



the opposite side of the Thames. Kilbourn and three or four others, having stayed in the fort a few moments longer than their companions, in order, as they said, to give the enemy "one more shot," did not reach the water's edge until the boat had shoved off. They seized another boat (which had the day before been taken from the refugees,) and had just pushed from the shore, when the red-coats made their appearance on the bluff directly above them, commenced firing, and demanded a surrender. They surrendered, and were taken on board a frigate which lay in sight. After New London had been destroyed and Fort Griswold had been captured, the prisoners above alluded to, with accessions from the last named fort, were taken to New York, where they were confined in the memorable "Sugar House." On the arrival of the tidings of Cornwallis' capture, the American prisoners were exchanged, and John Kilbourn returned to Connecticut. Eight or ten years after his liberation, he emigrated to Virginia, and married Mary Erwin, of Rockingham county, in that State, and became extensively engaged in purchasing cattle for the Baltimore market. He subsequently removed to Kentucky, but after a few years' residence there, the uncertainty of land titles caused him to leave that State in 1805, and settle in Ohio. He died near Chillicothe, March 5, 1829, leaving four sons, who still survive, viz., John, Samuel, Benjamin, and Gustavus.

10. GUSTAVUS, born in Bolton, May 17, 1768; married Betsey Skinner, of that town, in 1785. After residing a few years there and at New Hartford, Conn., he removed to New Hartford, N. Y., where he held the office of Deacon of the Congregational Church, and died much lamented in 1841. He was Collector of State Taxes in New Hartford, Conn., in 1799.

CLEOPATRA, (twin with Gustavus,) married John Skinner, of Bolton.

JONATHAN, was drowned in the Susquehanna river at Wyoming, in 1774, aged four years.

11. MOSES, born in 1772; married Sally Dwight, of Belchertown, Mass., and there settled. Died in Bolton in 1841. Descendants living in the Western States.

## 13. GERSHOM.

13. MOSES, born in Orange, Essex Co., N. J. ; removed to Connecticut and died there in 1790. The name of his wife Margaret.

13. CAPT. JABEZ D., born in 1773, and now resides in Clinton, Essex Co., N. J. In the summer of 1843, I saw his name in the N. Y. Tribune as one of the Vice Presidents of a Convention of the Whigs of Essex county, at which the Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen was first nominated for the Vice Presidency of the United States ; and subsequently in the same paper, as President of a 'Mass Meeting' of the Whigs of Essex. His son, Thomas D. Kilburn, is now living in Clinton—other children dead.

14. DANIEL, born in 1779 ; lived at Orange, N. J. ; died suddenly in New York in 1838. His sons—Gershom, Daniel J., and Oliver.

## 14. JONATHAN, ESQ.

MARY, born in Colchester, August 10, 1735 ; married ——— Bigelow.

JONATHAN, born March 19, 1737 ; died, aged two months.

LYDIA, died in infancy

LYDIA, born May 2, 1739 ; married Ezra Waterman, and died in 1768, in the 30th year of her age.

14. JONATHAN, born in Colchester, April 12, 1742. Like his father, he was a man of much ingenuity and enterprize, and was extensively known for his inventions and improvements in the mechanic arts. I have seen "Letters Patent" for a Machine for cutting Tanners' Bark, Sumac, &c., which were granted to him, dated August 21, 1800, and bearing the signatures of John Adams, President, J. Marshall, Secretary of State, and Charles Lee, Attorney General.

15. DAVID, born in Colchester, November 13, 1744 ; married Lydia Abel, November 5, 1767—and had ten children, viz. Lydia, David, Samuel-Abel, Elizabeth, Dimmis, John, Ralph, Elizabeth 2d, Mary. He was noted in his day for his piety, general intelligence, and public spirit. For a great number of

years he filled the offices of Deacon of the Church, Captain of Militia, First Selectman and Magistrate. Died at the residence of his son, Samuel A. Kilbourn, in Liberty, Sullivan Co., N. Y., August 6, 1812; Lydia, his wife, died at the same place, September 6, 1816.

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19. THOMAS, born August 25, 1729; was mate of the ship of which his brother Nathaniel was captain; died at sea, June 14, 1759. Unmarried.

20. CAPT. NATHANIEL, born June 15, 1781; died at sea on board the ship of which he was master, on the same day with his brother, Thomas above mentioned, leaving a wife and daughters. Upon a stone in the burying-ground back of the Centre Church in Hartford is the following inscription: "Mrs Abigail Kilbourn, Relict of Capt. Nathaniel Kilbourn, who departed this life Jan. 19, 1798, aged 71.

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23. JEREMIAH, born October 22, 1737; died (unmarried) May 30, 1759.

24. RUSSELL, born February 25, 1739; was married to Mary, daughter of David Mills, October 31, 1765, by whom he had ten children, viz., Russell, Anna, Thomas, Mary, Nathaniel, Jeremiah, Susan, Clarissa, Emily, and Hezekiah. He was an Assessor, Selectman, &c. Died in East Hartford, September 30, 1816, aged 77 years.

JERUSHA, married John Wadsworth, of East Hartford.

#### 18. JOHN.

25. SAMUEL, born in East Hartford in 1744; married

Sarah Bunce, of Hartford. He was, in early life, commander of a trading vessel, but subsequently became a successful and wealthy merchant in Hartford. That part of the city through which "Kilbourn street" passes, belonged to his estate—and from him the street took its name. He had children, Sarah, Samuel, William, Jerusha, Henry, and Maria. He died December 9, 1817, *Æ*. 73.

26. JOHN, born in 1745 ; married a daughter of of Sylvanus Andrus,\* of Hartford ; had one son, John.

27. STEPHEN, born in 1747 ; married Miss Risl'y, of East Hartford, and had children, Samuel, Stephen, Mercy, and Peggy.

28. FREEMAN, married Miss Brimmagen, of Hartford. His children were, Freeman, Daniel, Hezekiah, Abigail, Anna, and Hepsibah. The date of his Will is Nov. 20, 1819 : amount of his inventory \$22,010.50. Among the bequests in his Will is the following :

"I give and bequeath to my Executor and Nephew, HENRY KILBOURN, ten dollars, to be laid out in a Cane, that when tottering with age he bends over it, the Grave may not obliterate the remembrance of an old man and departed Uncle."

[Died March 23, 1823.]

MARY, married William Barnard, of Hartford.

MARTHA, born in 1753 ; died July 4, 1793 ; unmarried.

#### 19. TIMOTHY.

29. TIMOTHY, born in Newington, May 9, 1752. At the breaking out of the Revolution, he entered the service of his country, and was engaged in the Battle of Bunker Hill, besides sharing various subsequent perils and losses in the war. He had three sons, viz., Samuel, Timothy, and Anson.

30. SETH, born in Newington, October 12, 1754 ; married Lois Blinn, by whom he had two children, Elisha and Prudence ; his wife having died, he then married Hannah Churchill, and had sons Seth and Hiram. He was a soldier of the Revolution.

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\* He may have had a second wife, Jerusha Spencer.

**HAPPY**, born August 25, 1757; married Gen. Levi Rusk, of Newington, a distinguished officer of the Revolution.

31. **SIMON**, born in Newington, Nov. 23, 1759, married Eunice Kirkham, and had children, Abigail, Nancy, Sabra, Sarah, Elizabeth, Henry, Erastus, Horace, Mary, and Chauncey. The following Declaration of Simon Kilbourn was forwarded to the Pension Office at Washington some years since, upon his application for a Pension, which was granted. I am indebted to Samuel H. Parsons, Esq., of Hartford, for a copy of it.

The petitioner declares, "That he entered the service of the United States as a private, in a company commanded by Captain Hezekiah Wells, and Lieut. Hanmer of Wethersfield, in or about the month of September, 1778; that the said company belonged to a regiment of Militia commanded by Colonel Thomas Belden; that he was drafted for two months, and continued to serve in said corps until in or about the month of November, 1778, when he was dismissed from the service in or near New London, Connecticut; that he was marched from Wethersfield to New London and crossed the river Thames to Groton, and there was employed in building a fort called Fort Griswold. The deponent further declares, That he entered the said service a second time by enlisting into a company commanded by Capt. Hubbard, of Glastenbury, Hezekiah Wyllys being Colonel of the regiment; that he left Wethersfield about the month of June, 1779, and marched to New London, where he served three months; that he was employed to keep guard near the lighthouse on the New London shore or beach of Long Island Sound—and was employed at Mohogan, between Norwich and New London, in cutting fascines which were used in building the fort on the outside; that he was honorably dismissed after serving three months, and returned to Wethersfield. The deponent further declares, that he entered the service of the United States a third time, as a substitute for his father, Timothy Kilbourn, who was drafted in the militia of Wethersfield; that he served two months at New London under Captain Wells of Wethersfield, James Wells Lieutenant, about the months of March and April, 1780; that he was employed in building a fort west of the city of New London, upon the hill, which the soldiers called "Fort Nonsense," being considered by them as useless."

He died in Newington, November 6, 1830, aged 70 years.

**ABIGAIL**, born Nov. 16, 1764.



## 21. JOSIAH.

32. CAPT. JOSIAH, was born in New Britain in January, 1756. In April, 1775, at the age of 20 years, he entered the Revolutionary Army, and there continued until the close of the war. He participated in all the fighting in the vicinity of Boston, and was in the battles of Flatbush, Harlem heights, White Plains, Monmouth, and many others, in which he was several times wounded. He arose gradually from a private to respectable commands, the last of which was that of Captain in the Quarter Master's Department. These were indeed days of peril and calamity. When the enemy were burning the towns in the south part of Connecticut, previous to their driving Washington from Long Island and New York, the militia of the State were called there almost *en masse*; and of those who were not slain, generally returned with that most malignant disease, the "Camp Distemper," and spread it wherever they went. At this period a near relative, returning from the army, stopped at the residence of the father of the subject of this notice, and communicated the distemper to the family. Seven of them were down with it at the same time. One sister had died; and while a second was dying, an express from the army blew a horn, threw a letter into the yard, and passed on. The eldest sister, (the only one well,) opened the letter, and read from it the sad intelligence that her eldest brother (Josiah) had been killed in the Battle of Flatbush. Though, as the reader will have inferred, this announcement subsequently proved to be incorrect, still its effects upon the family, especially at such a moment, may possibly be imagined, but not described. Josiah had indeed fallen upon the battle-field, having been shot through the body; but after the wing of the army to which he was attached gave way, Washington, with the other wing, regained *that* ground, and brought off the wounded. At the close of the war, Josiah Killbourn returned home with a constitution destroyed by numerous wounds and every form of suffering. He married Isabel Whaples, of New

Britain, was active in business, but in poor health ; and died in 1786 or '7, leaving no children.

33. WILLIAM, was born in New Britain, January 12, 1758 ; entered the revolutionary army at the age of eighteen, and in the affair at Westchester, N. Y., was so severely injured as to be unable to do a day's work on the farm for a period of six years. He occasionally taught school until he recovered a tolerable degree of health, when he learned the trade of a Clothier, and followed it as a main occupation. On the 21st of August, 1786, he married Sarah Sage, daughter of Jedediah Sage, of Berlin, and soon after removed to Tunbridge, Vermont. In 1810, he removed with his family to Chelsea, in the same State, where he died in June, 1816. Their children were, John, Arius, Julia, Emily, Ralph, Williams, Sarah, Osmond, Jedediah-Sage, James, and Eliza Ann.

ANNA, born in 1760 ; married Asahel Hart, of Northington, now Avon.

EUNICE, born in 1762, died at the age of 16, of the 'Camp-Distemper.'

34. LEMUEL, born in New Britain, October 7, 1764 ; married Sarah Hastings, of Southington, and had children, Josiah, Sally, Ursula, Hiram, Elizabeth, and Nancy. A Clothier and Millwright by trade. Died of asthma, near Chillicothe, Ohio, about the year 1820.

URANIA, born October 17, 1766 ; was first married to Sylvester Higley, afterwards to Shubael Hoskins, Esq., of Simsbury. She died in 1832, aged 66.

35. Hon. JAMES, was born in New Britain on the 19th of October, 1770. As he has been more extensively known, and more distinguished in public life, than any other person on this side of the Atlantic who bears the name which he has honored, we are confident that no one among his kindred and namesakes will require of us an apology for giving a somewhat detailed notice of his eventful and useful life. The history of few eminent men in our country presents a brighter example of persevering and successful effort over adverse cir-

circumstances ; and not *one* more worthy of approval and imitation.

His birth occurred at an eventful era in the history of the colonies. The controversy between them and Great Britain was fast ripening into rebellion. When about one year old, his father removed from his previous residence in New Britain, to a farm then nearly new, situated two and a half miles farther west, about half that distance from neighbors, and still farther from school. He made rapid improvements, and soon became a farmer of comfortable independence ; but remained in the same condition as to neighbors and schools for many years. The long threatened war of the revolution commenced when the subject of this sketch was but five years of age. This naturally engrossed the attention of all. Private business was necessarily deranged, and the prosperity of the farming interests, especially in the new settlements, was to a great extent destroyed. The implements of husbandry were exchanged for the panoply of war ; the currency became scarce, and depreciated in value ; schools were virtually given up ; and in short the whole people, from childhood to age, shared and felt the vicissitudes and privations consequent upon the state of the country. It will be unnecessary to detail the effects of that tremendous struggle upon Mr. K. No truer patriot lived, and few suffered more as the reward of their patriotism. Let it suffice to say, that the war resulted in the death of three of his family, his pecuniary ruin, and the partial derangement of his intellect for a period of years. In 1783, he was compelled to give up his finely cultivated farm and buildings, and retire to a still more secluded spot, where he purchased a small farm of thirty acres, principally composed of new land, on which he built a house and made other necessary improvements. In about three years, he was obliged to part with twenty-five acres, and mortgage the remainder, together with his house. On this occasion, September 22, 1786, he called James in from his work, advised him of the state of his affairs, and proposed to him that he might go and do the best for himself he could.

After a sleepless and tearful night, he determined to accept the offer, thinking that by so doing he might be better able to assist his parents than by remaining with them.

Accordingly, on that day, (September 23d,) with a heavy heart he bade farewell to his parental home, and the dear ones which it contained, with no specific place of destination in view, and without friends in the great world before him, except such as he might make as he progressed. Not yet sixteen years of age, poorly clad for summer, and with no winter clothing—without coat or shoes, and so illiterate that he could scarcely write his name—with a sad but resolute spirit, he had assumed self-direction. During that day he walked about thirty miles, but, notwithstanding his many inquiries, did not succeed in obtaining employment; his wearisome hours, however, were not unprofitably spent. In the course of his walk he found time to reflect on his condition, and form his plans for the future. He saw that two things were essential to his success in life, viz., education, and industry and integrity in every trust—and his resolutions then formed were never subsequently overlooked or forgotten by him. On the day following, he let himself to a farmer\* for the procurement of the necessary clothing for the approaching winter, and soon after apprenticed himself to a Clothier. Seven months of each year, for four years, he devoted faithfully to his master, with no other compensation than his board and instruction in the art and mysteries of his trade; the remaining five months (during the summer and autumn) he hired himself to farmers to procure the means of defraying his other expenses.

With an industry and perseverance seldom surpassed, he labored in the shop or on the farm during the day, and spent at least half of every night in study and writing. During the first three summers of his apprenticeship he was principally employed as a farmer's boy by Mr. Griswold, (father of

\* Mr. Eli Young, of Granby, Conn., in whose employ he remained one month, at the end of which period he presented him with ten shillings in addition to his stipulated wages. In the words of Milton, this was

“Sweet in itself, but much more sweet so given.”

the celebrated Bishop Griswold of the Episcopal Church.) The future Bishop, being then at home and having the management of the farm, observed the studious and industrious habits of the young apprentice, and became his most efficient and cordial friend—encouraging him by words of kindness and hope, and aiding him in the prosecution of his studies. So energetic and faithful were his labors on the farm, that at the end of the first five months he was presented by Mr. Griswold with ten shillings per month more than was agreed upon, accompanied with the remark that he “had performed much more work than he supposed a lad of his age could do.”

With Mr. Griswold, the younger, James acquired a knowledge of the grammatical construction of the English, Latin and Greek languages, and of all the branches of Mathematics which he thought he could render useful to himself or others; though, in the mean time, Mr. G. had been settled in the ministry in Litchfield county, having been assigned the charge of the Episcopal Churches in Plymouth, Northfield and Harwinton. During this gentleman's residence in Plymouth, his young pupil spent a few weeks at a time with him, (at several different periods,) in pursuing his favorite studies.

Thus matters continued until about the commencement of the fourth year of his apprenticeship and near the close of his 19th year, when circumstances occurred which induced his master to relinquish all claims to his farther services, provided he would take the entire charge of the establishment, and thereby release him from labor and care. The proposal was accepted; and, having by this time acquired the requisite means by his summer earnings, and being extensively known as an ingenious and faithful workman, he immediately added new machinery to the works and otherwise enlarged his business operations. Being established in business thus early in life, he resolved upon taking still another step toward a permanent settlement. Accordingly, on the 8th of November, 1789, he was married in St. Andrew's Church, Simsbury, to Miss Lucy Fitch, daughter of the celebrated John Fitch, Esq.,

of Philadelphia, the inventor and builder of the first steamboat in the world.

His labors were now, if possible, even more incessant than before, and his success exceeded his most sanguine expectations. During the first seven months he cleared for himself about \$800, and in the following summer erected a new establishment near the line between Granby and Suffield. About this time he was so fortunate as to obtain from an absconded English dyer a knowledge of all the *permanent* dyes made in England. No other person in this country possessing at that time a knowledge of the same art, his business extended more rapidly than ever, and his aggregate profits were correspondingly increased. In the course of the succeeding season, he purchased the ground and water-power and erected clothiers' works on the spot where the village of Avon now stands. He superintended these several establishments in person, riding and laboring so constantly that he frequently saw the sun rise and set twice, and on one occasion three times, without any other rest than such as he could obtain while partaking of his ordinary meals. His constitution was such that he felt no subsequent inconvenience from these protracted labors, and absence of rest; but by constantly inhaling the poisonous fumes from the dyes, his lungs were injuriously affected, and his whole system was ultimately prostrated thereby. In the summer of 1793, being then in his 23rd year, he was so far reduced by diseases thus contracted that a council of physicians pronounced him in a confirmed consumption. In the September following, however, a change took place; the affection of the lungs was measurably removed, but he was seized with a most painful disease in the back and hips, by which he was closely confined for eight months, and was unable to move about, except by the aid of crutches, for the subsequent eighteen months. Finding that he could not follow his trade, he disposed of his works, together with the knowledge which he had acquired in the art of dyeing, and turned his attention to farming, but was unable to prosecute it. He next engaged in

the mercantile business in Granby, in which he was eminently successful, and in a short time became what was termed a "wealthy man." In addition to mills, stores, &c., he was now the owner of five farms, including the one which his father had lost by the revolution, and that from which he had himself departed in indigence and tears at the age of sixteen. Meantime he had made ample provisions for his parents and the younger members of their family, by placing them in circumstances of pecuniary ease and competence.

During this period, he was also actively employed in promoting various objects of public utility. He originated and successfully carried through the great Turnpike Road from Hartford via Granby, Blandford and Pittsfield to Albany—formed a flourishing literary society among the young people of the town in which he resided—commenced a public library in the same town, which soon numbered 600 volumes—was agent for building the Episcopal Church—and was frequently invited to deliver addresses on public occasions, before literary associations, &c.

Having by this time secured the means of ease and comfort sufficient to satisfy a chastened ambition, and having arranged his business and possessions accordingly, Mr. Kilbourne concluded to relax somewhat from that constant and ardent exertion of body and mind which had effected these results.—Amidst his herculean labors, he had found time to prosecute with vigor his researches after truth and useful information, and it is here worthy of remark that theology and ecclesiastical history had claimed no small share of his attention. His parents were members of the Congregational Church, but he had himself in early life united with the Episcopalians, and was ardently attached to their doctrines and forms. During this season of relaxation he was often called upon to officiate as lay-reader in the church, and was urged by his friends to take orders. After much hesitancy and prayerful self-examination, he at length yielded to their solicitations, and was ordained at Middletown by the late Rev. Abraham Jarvis,

D. D., then Bishop of Connecticut. He officiated in several vacant parishes, and was invited to settle in three or four. He, however, declined the invitations thus tendered to him, having formed a project of Western emigration, with the intention of accomplishing it within a reasonable time. With this view he had already made two tours of exploration through Western and North Western New York, passing across the principal branches of the Schoharnekill, Delaware and Susquehanna, and along the Mohawk to Phelps and Gorham's purchase—thence returning along and near Lake Ontario, to Black River, Wood Creek, &c., to Albany.

He was subsequently, however, advised by his father-in-law, Mr. Fitch, to turn his thoughts to Ohio. Accordingly, about the commencement of the year 1800, he began to disclose his views of forming a company for the purpose of settling in the "far West." It took about one year for him to persuade his friends that he was in earnest—and another, that he was not insane. Ohio was then regarded as on the utmost verge of the West; and they thought him too pleasantly situated to make so great sacrifices as were involved in such an enterprise. Late in the winter of 1801-2, he succeeded in obtaining seven associates, who desired him to explore the country, and, if he thought expedient, to purchase land enough for forty families—they agreeing to admit that number of members into their company, should acceptable persons offer. Accordingly, in the Spring of 1802, Mr. Kilbourne started on his first expedition to Ohio. He traveled 300 miles by stage to Shippensburg, Penn., ten miles east of the foot of the Alleghany mountains, at which place the stage route terminated. From thence, carrying a heavy pack, he walked over the mountains to Pittsburgh, 150 miles; and from thence continued to travel on foot more than 1000 miles through the eastern part of the Territory, when, finding his old disease in the back and hips returning, he stopped a few days to recruit, and pursued the remainder of his journey on horseback. After a careful survey of the country, he fixed



upon a desirable location, and returned in the following autumn. Having completed the association of 40 members, known as the "SCIOTA COMPANY," he closed the contract for a township of 16,000 acres, which he had previously selected.

On the 7th of April, 1803, he again started for the West, on horseback—followed by a mill-wright, a blacksmith, and nine other laborers, and a family in two wagons. At Pittsburgh he purchased mill-stones, mill-irons, bar-iron, nail-rods, castings, &c., which were sent in a Kentucky boat down the Ohio to the mouth of the Sciota, and were thence taken in a keel-boat to the new purchase—now Worthington, near the city of Columbus.

Mr. K. arrived at the point of destination some weeks in advance of the others, and May 5th, 1803, he cut the first tree on the purchase. Towards the latter part of the same month, the wagons having reached the end of the road, 50 miles from the place of location, two of the men were sent forward to him, by an Indian trail, and he immediately returned with them. Cutting a wagon path through the woods, in a few days the laborers and family, together with their property, were conducted safely to his camp; at the first view of which, the little company sent up their united voices in hearty and long continued congratulations.

They at once proceeded to clear a large field of rich bottom land, and put in seed for potatoes, corn, turnips, &c. They also erected a blacksmith's shop, a building for a school and place of public worship, and twelve cabins, commenced a mill dam across the east branch of the Sciota river, and laid out the town. By this time mid-summer had arrived, and Mr. Kilbourne returned to Connecticut, and conducted his own and ten other families on to the purchase. The entire colony, including those who had removed the preceding Spring, now numbered one hundred persons, and so continued, without addition or diminution, until the 4th of July, 1804, when they all united in celebrating the anniversary of American independence in appropriate style—an oration being delivered by

Mr. K., and the falling of seventeen immense forest trees constituting the national salute !

Nearly all the adult members of the colony united with the Episcopal Society, and were constituted a church under the name of St. John's parish, of which the subject of this notice was appointed Rector. Ever active and efficient, he visited the neighboring settlements and other parts of the State, preaching, and organizing societies, many of which became and remain permanent churches. He was once invited to preach, on a special occasion, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, both branches of the Legislature having adjourned for the purpose, and all the members being present. At this time he had never thought of leaving the clerical office. But, subsequently, his fellow citizens began to urge upon him the importance and necessity of his taking the lead in their civil affairs. Many and arduous duties had already devolved upon him, aside from those which legitimately belong to the profession which he had chosen. Besides superintending the affairs of the colony, he had personally made a complete survey of the township and divided to each of the forty proprietors their Rights. His parish and colony were rapidly increasing in numbers, his clerical duties were consequently becoming more pressing, while at the same time his calls for the transaction of public business of a secular nature were correspondingly increased. A diocese having been formed, and a Bishop elected, mainly through his instrumentality, he at length determined to yield to the repeated solicitations of his friends. He accordingly resigned his rectorship, and devoted himself to other public duties and his own private occupations.

Upon the organization of the State Government of Ohio, he was appointed a civil magistrate, and Captain of all the military on the North Western frontier. The Indian Line (as per Greenville Treaty) was but 28 miles from their settlement, and it required great vigilance and decision to manage the wily savages by whom they were literally surrounded. In addition to mills, stores, &c., which he erected and carried on for the

benefit and convenience of the white settlements, he opened an Indian trading-house, by means of which he succeeded in conciliating the favor of the red men, and in a great measure checking their depredations.

In the Spring of 1805, he explored thoroughly the South shore of Lake Erie, from its most southerly bend to the Maumee rapids, (then an Indian territory,) and selected the present site of Sandusky City for the north-western commercial metropolis, which it has since become. About the same time, unasked for and unexpected, he received, by act of Congress, from the Hon. Albert Gallatin, then Secretary of the National Treasury, the appointment of United States' Surveyor of an immense tract of Public Lands, and executed the duties of the office for nine years—and, still holding the Commission, completed the survey by deputies of his own appointment.

In 1806, he was appointed by the Legislature in joint ballot, one of the first Trustees of Ohio College, at Athens, (the Governor being President, *ex officio*,) and continued to hold the office for several years, but at length resigned in consequence of the pressure of other duties, and the distance of the institution from his place of residence. This College was endowed by Congress with two townships of land, consisting of 46,080 acres.

In 1808, he was elected by the Legislature one of three Commissioners to locate the seat of Miami University—his colleagues being the Hon. Alexander Campbell, late Senator in Congress, and Dr. Wilson, President of the College at Athens. About this time he was elected Major of the Frontier Regiment; was soon after chosen Lieutenant-Colonel, and subsequently Colonel. The last office he declined, and resigned his former commission.

On the organization of Worthington College, with a University charter, in 1812, he was elected President of the Corporation, and has been re-elected once in three years to the present time. During the same year, he was appointed by the President of the United States, pursuant to an act of Congress,

a Commissioner to settle the boundary between the Public Lands and the great Virginia Reservation. This duty was performed under circumstances of much peril. It was soon after the declaration of war; much of the line lay through the Indian country, and many of the Indians were hostile. For two nights he encamped on the site of an Indian town, which our troops had captured and burnt only a day or two before, the smouldering ruins still burning.

A few days after completing this service, (which Congress subsequently ratified,) Col. Kilbourne was elected a Representative to the Congress of the United States, and served with close attention through the two regular sessions and two extra sessions of the 13th Congress. His competitor at this election was Judge Slater, President of the Central Circuit. On returning home at the close of the second session, he learned that he had been unanimously re-elected Colonel, and his commission had been left at his house. At the urgent solicitation of the officers of the Regiment, he at length accepted the appointment.

In the fall of 1814, he was again placed in nomination for Congress, his opponent being Gen. Philemon Beecher, who had previously been Speaker of the House. Col. K. was re-elected by a vote of more than two to one. At the end of the 14th Congress, he declined a re-nomination, and Gen. Beecher was elected.

In 1823-4, he was a member of the Ohio Legislature, in which body he served on fourteen committees, one of which was the committee for the revision of all the laws of a general nature in the State; and as an individual member of that committee, he formed the Glossary of the new revised code, defining all the Latin, Greek, and obsolete English words and technicalities, contained therein. Soon after this, he was appointed by the Governor of Ohio to select the lands granted by Congress towards the Ohio Canal.

In 1838-9, he was again a member of the General Assembly, and commenced and persevered, as far as practicable, in a sys-

tem of reform, by condensing all local legislation, corporations, &c., into a few separate acts and as short forms as possible, thereby simplifying the laws as well as rendering them convenient for reading and reference—besides making a great saving of time, paper, printing, writing, &c.

Going a little farther back from the order of dates hitherto observed, we are confident we shall be excused by the kinsmen and friends of Col. Kilbourne for referring here to one or two facts in his personal history, which, though of a less public nature, are no less interesting and characteristic than those which we have already detailed. About the commencement of the last war with Great Britain, it being extensively known that he had a knowledge of manufacturing and some spare capital, he was requested by friends in New York, and urged by the President and his Cabinet and members of Congress, to embark in the manufacture of woolen goods for clothing the Army and Navy. He well remembered the total ruin of all who were engaged in similar enterprizes during the war of the Revolution; still the promises were now so fair, and the non-protectionists admitting their errors and agreeing to change their policy, he was induced to join a company for that purpose—in which he invested ten thousand dollars, and incurred liabilities to the amount of fifty-seven thousand more. He prosecuted his new enterprise with his accustomed energy, and during the continuance of the war accomplished much. — Peace came in 1815, but with it no protection of woollens. He sustained the whole establishment, amidst immense losses, until 1820; when, all hope from Government failing, the factories at Worthington and Steubenville were crushed. He now found himself, at the age of fifty years, with a large family, (most of whom were young and unprovided for,) deprived of the last farthing which he had accumulated, by enormous sacrifices and the rigorous coercion of creditors. Finding himself thus totally destitute of means, except a good degree of physical strength and a spirit not easily conquered by untoward circumstances, he took up his surveying apparatus

again, and went into the woods. For more than twenty years he was much of the time busily engaged in his calling—and we hazard nothing in saying that he has surveyed more townships, highways, turnpikes, railroads, and boundary lines, than any three other men in the State. By the practice of his wonted industry and enterprise, in a short time he again acquired a good degree of independence—and was enabled to educate his family in business, science, and literature.

He was the presiding officer at the great State Convention holden at Columbus on the 4th of July, 1839, for laying the corner stone of the Capitol of Ohio; also, at the immense Whig Convention on the 22d of February, 1840. It may be added, farther, that he has been called to preside in more than half of all the conventions, meetings, &c., which he has attended for fifty years past.

Since he arrived at the age of “three score and ten,” (in 1840,) Col. K. has declined all public office, except that of Assessor of Real and Personal Estate for the County of Franklin—the duties of which station he performed until 1845, when he resigned. But, though retired from public life, he still feels a lively interest in public affairs; and during the last six years he has delivered more than one hundred addresses on State and National policy.

Lucy, his wife, having died not long after his removal to Ohio, he was married in Worthington, in 1808, to Cynthia Goodale. His children are—Hector, Lucy, Harriet, Laura, Orrel, Byron, Orrel 2d, Eliza, Cynthia, Lincoln, Charlotte, and James.

AZUBA, born in 1774; died of “camp distemper,” in 1778.

DEBORAH, died in infancy.

AMASA, born in New Britain in 1780; emigrated to Vermont when 21 years of age, and there engaged in boating and the lumber trade on the Connecticut river, in which he was successful. Thence he went to Lower Canada, and engaged in the same business on the river St. Francis, and died there of the spotted fever in 1805. He was unmarried.

## 24. JOSHUA.

**MEHETABLE**, b. April 23d, 1764; married Josiah Dewey of Berlin. Their children were Daniel, Josiah, Franklin, Asahel, Seth, Esther, <sup>6</sup>Mehetable, Rebua, and Mary.

**ELIZABETH**, b. April 24, 1765; married Reuben Hart, of Farmington, and soon after removed to Whitestown, N. Y. Their children—Alpheus, Ansel, Chauncey, Dorathy, Amanda, Pluma, and Eliza.

**36. GEORGE**, b. at Berlin in 1769: at twenty-six years of age, he was married to Miss Almira Wilcox, daughter of James Wilcox, of Simsbury. After residing in Farmington and Goshen for about ten years, in the fall of 1801, he joined an emigrating company which had been formed in the latter place, with a view of settling in the Far West. In their route they crossed the Alleghany mountains, and after a tedious journey of eight weeks, the emigrants with their families arrived safe at their place of destination, Hudson, Summit Co., Ohio. Mr. K. is still a resident of Hudson. His children are, Asahel, George, Timothy, Justin, Sophia and Eliza.

**37. WILLIAM**, b. Jan. 22d, 1772; resided at Farmington; married late in life, and had a family, but I have not learned their names. He died in Avon a few years since.

**JOSHUA**, b. in 1775; he resided in Farmington, and died a bachelor.

## 26. ELISHA.

**38. ELISHA**, b. in Wethersfield, and at an early age accompanied his father to Sandisfield, Mass. He resided for several years in Tyrringham, but subsequently removed to Colebrook, Conn., where he died. His children were, Elisha, Roswell, Jason C., Jonathan S., Barney, Sally, and Betsey.

**HULDAH**, married John Brown, of Sandisfield, afterwards of Pittsfield; her second husband was Jared Ingersoll, Esq., of Pittsfield. She died in 1838, aged 83.

**39. HEZEKIAH**, born at Wethersfield in 1756, and was killed at Sandisfield, Mass., while attempting to raise the gate of his grist-mill, by falling over the dam and breaking his skull.

in 1809. His children were, Prudence, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Abigail.

40. CHARLES, born in Sandisfield in 1757—entered the Revolutionary Army at the commencement of the war, and continued in it until its close. He married Susannah Fosdick of Wethersfield. He died at Hounsfield, Jefferson Co., N. Y. in 1830, aged 73. He had but one son, Ashur.

SARAH, b. in Sandisfield February 26, 1758, was married to John Hastings Allen, of Sandisfield, Dec. 1785. Her children are, John-Hastings, Emily, Eunice, and Sarah—the last of whom is the wife of the Hon. George Hull, late Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts. Mrs. Allen is now [1847] living, in the 90th year of her age.

41. JONATHAN, b. in Sandisfield in 1760; married Sarah daughter of Deac. David Granger, of Suffield, Conn. For many years he successfully carried on the tanning and currying business at the stand of his father, and died in his native town, possessed of great wealth, in January, 1829. I find his name in the list of Honorary Members of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. His wife died in October, 1832, aged 80.

ASHUR, born in Sandisfield, in 1762—died in early manhood, leaving no descendants.

42. ROBBINS, [twin with the preceding,] married Huldah Wright of Sandisfield; removed to Litchfield, N. Y., and afterwards to Frankfort, in the same State. His children were, Robbins, Ashur, Lucy, and Huldah.

HOPEFUL, married Stephen Morse, of Sandisfield.

43. ROBERT, b. in Sandisfield in 1766; married Sarah Hubbard; his children are, Clarissa, Levi, Russell, Joel, Mark and Sarah Ann. He is still living in Great Barrington.

ELIZABETH, married a Mr. Remington, of Suffield.

44. ALLEN, b. in Sandisfield in 1766; settled in Champion, N. Y., where he was married to Rhoda, daughter of John Canfield. His children were, Jared, Allen, Nancy, Sarah, Austin-Granger, and others. He died in the autumn of 1841.



## 29. LIEUT. BENJAMIN.

RUTH, b. October 17, 1752; married Jonah Stone, of Litchfield.

45. CAPT. LEWIS, b. in Litchfield, May 22, 1755; was married to Anne, daughter of Lieut. Amos Parmelee, Jan. 30, 1782, by Rev. James Nichols. He was an ardent whig in the revolution; was a Grand Juror in 1793, and was commissioned as Captain of the 1st Company of the 17th Regiment, 6th Brigade, Conn. Militia, in 1797. Died in 1805. His children were, Charles, Dothy, Norman and Benjamin.

46. COL. CHARLES, b. in Litchfield, Mar. 3, 1758. In the early part of the war of the revolution he was drafted into the service of the Americans—much against his own predilections. He, however, served through one campaign, and was engaged in several skirmishes with the British. In common with his father and most of his brothers, he was from the first a zealous and sincere loyalist in principle. When, therefore, he learned that he must run his chance a being drafted a second time, he resolved by some means to place himself beyond the reach of such a contingency. It so happened that about this time a loyal neighbor of his, Daniel Griswold, who had been a soldier in the British army, returned to his native town, bearing a Captain's commission, and forthwith commenced the work of his mission, viz., enlisting soldiers into the king's service. Charles Kilborn was among the first to enroll his name, Apr. 26, 1777. Dr. Reuben Smith, in a letter\* to Gov. Wolcott, dated at Litchfield, May 12th, 1777, (in alluding to Griswold and his soldiers,) says, "The Wednesday following, April 30, they were taken, (except Benjamin Doolittle and Charles Kilborn, who it is said were *killed* in attempting to escape,) and were carried to Derby, where they were tried by a court martial, and Griswold was sentenced to be hanged; which sentence was executed the Monday following, at New Haven. The rest were pardoned, upon their enlisting into the Continental Army during the war." The supposition that Kilborn was killed, was a mistake. He was successful in his "attempt to escape,"

\* See Woodruff's History of Litchfield, pp. 39, 40.

and, after a series of vicissitudes and adventures, he succeeded in finding his way to Canada on foot—much of his route lying through an uninhabited country. He stopped at St. John's, then a considerable military post, where he engaged himself as a clerk to an eminent merchant named White—he being then in the 19th year of his age. He soon after became a partner with Mr. White ; and, though extensively engaged in merchandizing, he was soon also an active participant in the military movements consequent upon the war. Before peace was concluded, he had attained the rank of Captain in the British service. In February 1784, he was married to Miss Margaret Young, a member of a loyal family who had emigrated to Canada from the State of New York. He subsequently removed to Caldwell's Manor, on Lake Champlain, where for nearly seventeen years he was extensively engaged as an agriculturalist and merchant: During his residence here, he was for a long time the highest civil and military officer in the place. Removing thence, he resided for two years in Alburg. In 1804 he settled in Stanstead, on an island formed by a considerable river, about six miles south of Lake Memphremagog. On this stream he built mills of various kinds, and the settlement and the country around took the name of "KILBORN," and is so put down on the English and American maps of that period. The stream also was called "Kilborn River." This property, with the exception of about 400 acres of land owned by his son, Col. Alexander Kilborn, has passed out of the family; and consequently the name of the place has been changed.

At the commencement of the last war between the U. S. and Great Britain, Mr. K. held the rank of Major in the king's service, and was appointed to the command of a corps of provincial troops, well known as the "Frontier Light Infantry," which were continued in active service under his command, until the close of the war. He was present at the Battle of Plattsburgh, where he was eminently distinguished for his skill and bravery. He was subsequently taken prisoner in an

engagement near his head-quarters at La Cole, and conveyed to Greenbush, N. Y., where he was kept for several weeks, until exchanged. About this time a large number of American prisoners were placed in his charge at La Cole, several of whom were from Connecticut, and two of them from his native town. They were afterwards accustomed to speak in the highest terms of his humanity and liberality—they having previously been subjected to the harshest treatment. He gave them an abundance of wholesome food and fresh air, and even permitted them to walk in the environs of their place of confinement. And it is worthy of special record, as exhibiting the high sense of honor which prevailed among the American soldiers, that not one of them betrayed the confidence thus generously reposed in them; although at a subsequent period, when in charge of a rigid and merciless officer, several of them effected their escape. At the close of the war, he retired to his homestead at "Kilborn," with the rank of Lieut. Colonel—where he designed to spend the remainder of his days in the quiet of domestic enjoyment. But the public presented claims to his services which he could not well decline. His commission as a civil magistrate, which he had held previous to the war, was renewed by the Governor-General, and its acceptance was strenuously urged upon him by the people. He accepted it—and was afterwards appointed a Judge of the District of St. Francis.

Col. Kilborn died June 19th, 1834, aged 76; Margaret, his wife, died August 21, 1841, aged 73. Their children were, Lucy, Betsey, Benjamin, Alexander, Sally, Joseph, Mary, Nancy, Matilda, and Lydia.

NANCY, born Dec 13, 1760; married Bradley Catlin.

HANNAH, born Feb 1762; married John Bissell.

47. BENJAMIN, born in Litchfield, January 27, 1765; removed to Canada with his father, where he was married and had two daughters. He hung himself in 1790.

48. DAVID, born in Litchfield, February 1767; removed to Canada, and settled on the St. Lawrence a few miles below

Brockville. The following Report from a Committee in Congress, upon his petition for remuneration for services and sacrifices during the last war with Great Britain, contains many interesting facts in his personal history which are well worthy of preservation :

FEB. 22, 1830.—“ Mr. Dayton, from Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the case of DAVID KILBOURN, made the following Report : That the petitioner sets forth that he is a native citizen of the United States, within which he remained until after the termination of the revolutionary war, when he removed into Upper Canada ; that although residing in that Province, his attachment to his country was undiminished, and he was always desirous of promoting its interests ; that in the year 1813, at the solicitation and by authority of General Wilkinson, then commanding officer of the American Army upon the northern frontier, he engaged to examine, secretly, the British posts in Canada, to procure accurate information of their numbers and position, and to communicate the result to the American commander ; that he executed this commission to the entire satisfaction of General Wilkinson, by whose agent he was promised ample compensation for his services and indemnity against any loss which he might suffer for having undertaken them ; that the enemy, having been informed of the petitioner's employment and acts, apprehended him, confined him in prison, treated him harshly, and proposed putting him to death, when he made his escape ; that he was again arrested, again subjected to similar treatment, and again threatened with death, which would inevitably have been his portion, had he not a second time effected his escape ; that after his escape, he repaired to General Wilkinson's camp at the French Mills, who renewed to him his former promises, furnished him with money to defray his expenses to Sackett's Harbour, and recommended him to the Quartermaster at that port, who employed the petitioner in his office ; that from ill health he was compelled to relinquish this situation, since when, he has resided in the State of New York, where he is

now living under the complicated burthens of old age, infirmity, and indigence, and that since the compulsory abandonment of Canada, his property there, which he valued at \$10,000, had been confiscated, and its proceeds paid into the provincial treasury. Under these circumstances, he prays that he may be compensated for his services, and indemnified for the loss of his property.

“That such services as were performed by the petitioner would, if discovered, expose him to the penalty of death, no other testimony is requisite to establish, than the universal and well known practice of nations in similar cases ; that he *did* perform these services faithfully, and that they were highly useful and important, is proved most fully and satisfactorily ; and that justice and policy would dictate that he should be liberally remunerated for them is unquestionable. It must be recollected that the petitioner was not a traitor to his country when he penetrated into the British encampment, but an American citizen. Had he been a traitor, whatever odium might have been attached to his conduct, our Government would have been bound to reward his treason. The Committee feel no hesitation in awarding to him what they consider to be a compensation for his services and the personal perils to which they exposed him, and for that purpose they report a bill. They entertain as little doubt as to the justice and policy of indemnifying the petitioner for any property which he lost by the execution of his dangerous commission ; but as the testimony submitted to them is defective, both as the value of the property which he alledges to have been confiscated, they recommend that no farther allowance be made to him, until he produces stronger evidence to substantiate these facts than the committee have been furnished with.”—[VOL. 2, Doc. 189, Reports of Congressional Committees.

David Kilbourn married a Miss White, and had a family ; he is, I believe, still living near Scriba P. O., Oswego Co. N.Y.

49. SAMUEL, b. in Litchfield Feb. 29, 1769 ; married Abby, daughter of Asahel Griswold, of Milton, Ct. He settled

at Kitley, County of Leeds, Upper Canada, where he is still living.

50. CAPT. JOSEPH, b. in Litchfield Feb. 15, 1771; left his native town in 1785, and became a clerk of his brother Charles, in Canada. He studied the art of surveying, and was appointed Deputy Surveyor of the Province on the 6th of June, 1792, and as such assisted in surveying nearly all the eastern townships of Lower Canada. On the 17th Feb. 1805, he was married in Ascott, Lower Canada, to Phebe Adams, daughter of Eliphalet Adams, of Hartford, Conn.; and during the same year he received a Lieutenant's commission in the army from the hands of the Governor-General, Sir Robert Shore Milnes. At the commencement of the last war between the United States and Great Britain, he was transferred to the Engineer Department, having received the appointment of Military Surveyor and Draftsman, with the rank and pay of Captain in the regular army: He continued to perform the duties of this station until a short time previous to his death, which took place at the head-quarters of the army, at Kingston, Nov. 15, 1814, in the 43d year of his age.

In the year 1810, he committed the care of his landed property (about thirteen hundred acres) to an intimate friend, to whom, in his last sickness, he wrote respecting the distribution of the property to his family. His family, however, never came in possession of said estate; the presumed friend having, it is said, appropriated it to his own use.

The children of Capt. K. were, William-Vincent, Joseph-Henry, Caroline-Cordelia, and Clarissa-Maria.

LUCY, married John White.

51. WILLIAM, b. in Litchfield, March 6, 1778; settled in Kingston, thence removed to Stanstead, where he remained a few years, and then returned to Kingston. In 1814 he was taken as a spy at Burlington, Vt., and was sentenced to be hanged, but escaped on the night previous to the day appointed for his execution. He is said to be still living, and has a large family.

POLLY, married Maj. Reuben Sherwood, of Elizabethtown, U. C.

30. SOLOMON.

RACHEL, b. 1757; married James Griswold, of Litchfield.

HANNAH, married Benjamin Doolittle, of Litchfield.

52. JEREMIAH, born in Litchfield April 8, 1762; married Anne Bishop, April 28, 1785; his children were, Lucretia, Noah, Freeman, Putnam, Anne, Almira, Nancy, and Louisa. Died in Litchfield.

53. SOLOMON, born in Litchfield, Dec. 17, 1764; married Nabby Gross, of L., who died young. Removed to Ohio in early life, but left there many years ago. Children—Benjamin, Solomon, Catharine, and others. He is still living near Whitehall, N. Y.

ANNA, b. July 12, 1767; married Gideon Stoddard, of Litchfield; her children were, Whitman, Jesse, Sally, Solomon, Abigail, Leonard, William, Henry, and Mary Ann. D. 1844:

OLIVE, married Thomas Goodwin, of Litchfield.

54. WHITMAN, born in Litchfield, April 12, 1772; was married to Thala Osborn, daughter of Capt. John Osborn, April 7th, 1800, by Rev. Judah Champion. Children—Myron, Ethan, Lewis, Eliada, Amanda and James. Died June 18, 1843.

SYBBEL, died in early childhood, from falling into the fire.

31. JONATHAN.

55. JAMES, b. in Williamstown, Mass., August 25, 1764; was a soldier of the Revolution, had a wrist broken in the service, and is now a pensioner. He is now living in Williamstown, Orange county, Vt.; has no children.

URI and CALEB died young.

56. ZACHEUS, dead—left a family.

57. JOSEPH, “ “

32. JOSEPH.

SUSANNAH, b. July 4, 1766. ELIZABETH b. June 4, 1770.

58. TIMOTHY, born in Litchfield, June 11, 1768—now lives in Westminster, London District, U. C.

59. AARON, born in Litchfield, Jan. 30, 1773—now lives in London District, Upper Canada.

### 32. LEMUEL.

60. LEMUEL-JUDSON, born in Litchfield, April 3, 1763. He resided for several years in Granby, and subsequently in New York and Pennsylvania. He was a man of philosophical turn of mind, and possessed much mechanical ingenuity. In the list of inventions patented, recently published under the direction of the Commissioner of Patents, are the following ; "For distilling Alcohol, Lemuel J. Kilborn and John Beddis, Pennsylvania, June 4, 1803 ; Striking part of Clocks, Lemuel J. Kilborn, Penn., October 4, 1809 ; Castings for Clocks, Lemuel J. Kilborn, Penn., October 13, 1809," &c.

61. PHILO, born in Litchfield, 1769 ; settled in Granby.

### 34. JEHIEL.

62. OZIAS, born in Litchfield ; married Elizabeth Pa ge of Warren ; died in Pennsylvania in 1841, leaving a large family.

URANIA, married David Stockwell, of Hartwick, N. Y.

RHODA, married Elisha Marsh, of Litchfield:

DIANTHE, married William Griswold, and removed to Genessee county, N. Y.

HEMAN, died in infancy.

HULDAH, married Daniel Fairchild, Hartwick, N. Y.

SALLY, married Simeon Griswold, of Meredith, N. Y.

HEMAN 2d, died at the age of fourteen years.

LOIS, married Capt. Samuel Buel, of Litchfield ; died early.

### 35. ROSWELL.

63. ROSWELL, born in Litchfield, April 7, 1763.

64: JOHN, born May 19, 1775.

JOSEPH, born February 15, 1777—died in infancy.

### 37. JAMES.

65. JAMES, born in Litchfield, May 24, 1774 ; married Anna Remington, of Vermont ; died in Brockville, Canada, March 1807. Children—Phebe, James and Zadock, who were, when last heard from, in the town of Gallatin, Cophia county, Mississippi:



66. ABEL, born in Litchfield, Sept. 4, 1776 ; married Mary Smith ; his children are, George, Remington, Hiram, Wilson, Phebe, Lucy and Harriet ; resides in Leeds, Canada,

67. ELI, born in Castleton, Vt., April 15th, 1781 ; married Olive Russell, in Johnstown, Canada, in 1801, and has children, Lewis, James-Crampton, William-Russell, Sophia A., Candace, and Artemesia ; now resides in Crosby, Canada.

68. HIRAM, born in Castleton in 1784 ; married Sarah Billings, of Brockville, U. C., in 1809, and has children, Braddish, Hiram, Billings, James, Luther, Albert and Alphonzo ; now lives in Elizabethtown, U. C.

38. GILES.

69. SAMUEL, born in Litchfield ; was a soldier in the Continental Army, and was killed by the British near New York in 1781 ; was unmarried.

RHODA, married Phineas Hill, of Litchfield ; removed with her husband to Shelburne, Vt., when that township was a wilderness. To reach their log cabin, (which her husband had built the preceding season,) she rode five miles through a pathless forest, on horseback, with a child in her arms and a bed bound on the horse behind her. She is still living, upwards of 90 years old. Her only son is Kilborn Hill, of Shelburne.

ANNE, married a Smith, of Vermont.

OLIVE, settled in Burlington, Vt. ; has had three husbands, viz., Mr. Leason, Mr. Green, and Mr. Graves.

LAURA, married Ezekiel Howard, (son of the Rev. Nathan Howard, of New London ; ) removed to Vermont.

70. JOHN, born in Litchfield, March 16, 1766 ; married Lois Stoddard, April 26, 1790, and had children, Thirza, Harry, Mehala, and Mary. Died in 1835.

MARY, married Elisha S. Munger, Oct. 29, 1783.

ELIZAETH, married Calvin Bissell.

71. CHAUNCEY, born in Litchfield in 1770 ; settled in Charlotte, Vt. He was married to Hannah Kenyon, daughter of Payne Kenyon, of Moreau, Saratoga Co., N. Y., by the

Rev. Lebbeus Armstrong, June 30, 1811. He returned to his native town in 1814, and died there on the 3d of June, 1819. His children were, John, Payne-Kenyon, and Giles-Chauncey.

SABRA, died unmarried.

#### 39. JOHN.

72. JOHN, born probably in Goshen, Conn., and removed with his father to Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass.; in 1790, he married Hannah, daughter of Dr. Maeck, [a German, who was one of the first settlers of that place.] He had two children, Frederick and Marsha—neither of whom married. He died at his residence in Williamstown, April 25, 1844, aged 83.

73. JACOB, b. in Adams; removed to Herkimer Co., N. Y.

74. JAMES, do. do.

75. TRUMAN, do. do.

76. GILES, married a Miss Doane, of Plainfield, N. Y., where he settled and still lives. His children are, John Charles,\* James, Frances, Giles and Judson.

MABEL, married Solomon Smith, of Williamstown.

#### 40. ISAAC.

77. ABRAHAM, born in Litchfield, Nov. 15, 1759; removed to Vermont in early life, where he married Elizabeth Morranville; his children were, Truman, Hiram, Amos, Burden, Alvenus, Alphonzo, David, and John-Morranville. He died at Poultney, Vt., in 1806.

78. IRA, born in 1764; married a Benedict, of Norfolk, and died young. He was a teacher of vocal music.

79. ANTHONY, removed to Canada.

80. ISAAC, married a Throop, of South Farms, and removed to Canada many years since.

81. ASHUR, went to the West.

82. AARON, went to the West, and died at Hudson, Ohio.?

83. AMASA, married a Smith, of Bethlem, and died there.

REBECCA, married Joseph Westover.

MERCY, married Capt. Philander Westover.

HEPSIBAH, married Stephen Scott, of Bethlem.

MEHETIBLE, married Joseph Westover, [2d wife.]

\* Graduated at Hamilton Coll. 1833; now at Attorney at Vernon, N.Y.

EUNICE, married a Roberts, of Norfolk.

LOIS, lives in Watertown; unmarried.

HULDAH, married Charles Williams, and Ruel Plant.

[There are others of this family, most of whom died young.]

41. DAVID.

84. THERAL, born Oct. 19, 1767; married Rebecca Waugh, and had three children, Eliza, Ezila, and a son who died in childhood. Removed to Troy, N. Y., and died there.

85. ORANGE, born February 22, 1770; married Rhoda, daughter of Benjamin Stone; his children are, Marilla, Julia Ann, [wife of Solon Bishop,] and Lyman, of Martha's Vineyard.

86. JAMES, born September 13, 1771; married Diantha, daughter of Nathaniel Smith, 2d, December 2, 1795; his children were, Julia, Clarissa, Susan, James-Elisha, Orrin S., Julia Maria. Died at Stillwater, N. Y., May 20, 1809.

87. LEVI, born April 15, 1773; married Anne Bradley, November 27, 1794, and had children — Marina, Maria, and Mary Ann. He was a Grand Juror in 1798.

REUBEN, died young.

88. DAVID, married Sally, daughter of Col. Heber Stone, and had children, Heber, Harry, Lyman, and Betsey. Residence, Camden, Oneida county, N. Y.

BETSEY, m. — McNiel, and removed to Stillwater, N. Y.

89. ELISHA, m. Susan Humphreyville, went south; dead.

90. SAMUEL, born 1784; he left his native town in the spring of 1803, and, after traveling for some time, made a stop at Lisle, Broome Co., N. Y., where he remained for about eleven years, and from thence removed to Ogden, in the county of Monroe, where he still resides. On the 10th of April, 1808, he was married to Miss Maria Patterson, daughter of General John Patterson of the latter place, a distinguished officer of the Revolution, formerly of Berkshire county, Mass. From 1815 to 1828, he was occasionally chosen Supervisor, besides holding other town offices; in 1823 he was elected a Justice of the Peace, which office he held for six years. His children are, Lucian, David, Sophia, Nancy-

Maria, George, Ruth, John-Patterson, Samuel and Diadema.

91. ERASTUS, married a Whitmore; children, Samuel, Orrin and Nancy.

42. JESSE.

LUCRETIA, married Benjamin Johnson; died March 20, 1823

92. JACOB, born September 10, 1767: married Lucy Bradley. He was a Grand Juror in 1798, a Lieutenant of Cavalry in 1800, and was subsequently for many years First Constable and Collec.or of Litchfield: he is still living in the village of Bantam Falls, Litchfield. His children are, Norman bigail, Truman and Sarah.

HEMAN, died young. ELIZABETH, m. Capt. P. Westover.

92. HEMAN 2d, married Sally Baldwin, and had two sons. William and Joseph; he settled in Shendaken, Ulster county, N: Y., and died there in 1827.

93. HON. JESSE, born August 5, 1778: m. Abigail Ward, and settled in Cazenovia, Madison county, N. Y., where he engaged in merchandizing. He early became distinguished as a politician, and was for a great number of years Post Master, Magistrate, Representative in the Legislature of New York, &c.; had two daughters, Laura M., [wife of Rev. Nathaniel Porter,] and Julia, who died unmarried. Died May 14, 1842.

94. TRUMAN, born June 1, 1780; removed to Burlington, Otsego county, N. Y., where he married Deborah B. Cushman. While residing there he was for many years a Justice of the Peace, Supervisor, and Town Clerk. His children are, Sarah-Mattocks, Minerva, Truman-Cushman, Don Volckert, Delia-Harmony, and Horatio. Now resides at Lockport, in the county of Niagara.

SARAH, born in 1784; died at the age of eight years.

MOLLY, married Dr. Abel Hannahs; who lived and died at Columbia, Herkimer county, New York; her children are: Kilborn, William, Maryette, Lucius, and Dianthe. She died April 17, 1834.

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DIANTHA, married Henry Ward; resides in Penfield, Monroe county, N. Y.; her children are Edwin, Calista, Diantha, and Henry.

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NOTE.—The children of David and Jesse Kilbourn, (who are noted on the two preceding pages,) were all born in Litchfield.

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**GENERATION VII.**

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**3. JOHN.**

1. **JOHN**, born in Walpole, in 1765; married Anna Ashley of Shrewsbury, Vt, and settled there; was Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk and Selectman. Had three sons—John, amuel, and Henry [*M. D.*, of Covington, Pa.]

2. **EZRA-CARPENTER**; married Sarah Clark, of Saybrook, Conn., and had one daughter. Now lives in Walpole.

3. **ELIJAH**, married Rebecca Jennison of Walpole, and had six sons—Josiah,\* Gerry, John J., Frederick, Elijah C. and William J.

**4. EBENEZER.**

4. **EBENEZER**, married Eunice White, and settled in Alstead, N. H., but afterwards removed to Barnston, Lower Canada, with his family, and died there at the age of 51. He left three sons, viz., Josiah, Ebenezer and Otis, all of Barnston.

5. **JEHIEL**, married Zilpha Wright, of Keene, N. H., and settled in Barnston, where he is still living.

6. **IDDO**, married Abigail Sampson, of Ashburnham, Mass; resides in Hartford, Vt.; his sons are, Francis and Merrill.

7. **REV. DAVID**, born in Gilsum, N. H.; married Lovice Perkins, of Barnard, Vt. He has been for thirty-eight years a preacher of the Gospel, seventeen of which he has been a Presiding Elder in the Methodist church; he is now a resident of Barre, Mass. He has no children:

**7. JOHN.**

8. **JOHN-HENRY**, born April 8, 1797; married at Bristol, Vt., to Rachel, daughter of Capt. Michael Dayfoot, of that place, July 12, 1822. He resided in Bristol until 1826, when he removed to the Province of Upper Canada, and there en-

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\* Representative in the N. Hamp. Legislature, fr. Lyttleton, 1843 & '44.

gaged in mercantile business. In 1842 he was elected a member of the Municipal Council for the District of Niagara; in the following year he received from the Executive Government of Canada West the appointment of Justice of the Peace. In 1844 he removed to Conneaut, Ohio, where he now resides.

9. ROWLEY, born September 28, 1800; married at Clinton, C. W., to Keziah, daughter of Samuel Corwin, January 19, 1825. He was commissioned as a Justice of the Peace in 1843—and is now a Presiding Magistrate for Niagara District.

10. HARMON, born September 2, 1802; married Mary Corwin, and now lives on the homestead in Canada.

11. ADOLPHUS, born July 26, 1819; married Mary Ann Stevens, of London, C. W., and now lives in Conneaut, Ohio

12. CYRUS, born October 24, 1822:

#### 10. GUSTAVUS.

13. GUSTAVUS A., was a wholesale merchant in N. York, house of Parmelee, Kilburn & Rogers. Died 1845.

[There may be other sons in this family. One of the daughters is the wife of the Hon. Greene C. Bronson, the present Chief Justice of the State of New York.

#### 14. JONATHAN.

14. JONATHAN, born January 28, 1768; married Elizabeth Farnham, April 21, 1794. He is now living at Clinton, Conn: His children are, Abner F., [Deac. Cong. Ch. in Clinton,] Leonard, Phinetta, Aaron, [of New Haven,] Jonathan, [of Middletown,] Betsey, and Peter E.

(There may be others of this family.)

#### 15. DAVID.

LYDIA, born April 14, 1768; married Daniel Bulkley; now lives in Hartford. Her son, the Hon. Ichabod Bulkley, of Ashford, died a few years since, while President of the Senate of Connecticut.

15. DAVID, b. in Colchester, June 25, 1770; married Lydia Wells. He was the first Town Clerk and first Post

Master of Marlborough, Conn. His children\* were, Lydia, Celinda, Sarah, David-Wells, Mary-Ann, and Edward. Died at Pittsfield, Mass., July 23, 1844; Lydia, his wife, died at Keokuk, Iowa, July 3, 1845.

16. SAMUEL-ABEL, born July 7, 1772; married and settled in Liberty, N. Y., where he still lives; has no children:

ELIZABETH, died in childhood.

DIMMIS, married Noah Wells; now lives in Peekskill, N.Y.

47. JOHN, born August 25, 1779; married Lavinia Williams. Residence unknown. No children.

18. RALPH, born November 11, 1781; married and settled in Nantucket, where he was a merchant. He died some years since, leaving one son and two daughters.

ELIZABETH, m. Solomon Wells, and settled in Utica, N. Y.

MARY, m. Stephen Austin; died in New York city in 1839.

18. ELIJAH.

19. ELIJAH, b. in Colchester; went on board of a Private

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\* CHILDREN OF DAVID KILBOURNE.

1. LYDIA, b. July 12, 1794; married Wm. Coleman, and now resides in Keokuk, Lee co., Iowa.

2. CELINDA, b. April 17, 1796; married Alfred Buel, and now resides in Galena, Illinois.

3. SARAH, b. January 27, 1798; married Gen. Enos H. Buel, of Marlborough, Conn., in 1817.

4. DAVID-WELLS, died in childhood.

5. DAVID-WELLS, born in Marlborough, April 12, 1803; was married in Albany, N. Y., June 26th, 1827, to Harriet, daughter of Nahum Rice, Esq. He was formerly a merchant in Albany, but removed to Lee county, Iowa, some years since, where he has been Post Master, Magistrate, &c., and in 1840 was a candidate for the Territorial Council or Senate. Himself and brother are merchants at Fort Madison, and among the most extensive wool-growers in the Territory. His sons are, David-Wells, Henry-Williams, George-Erskine, and Edward-Jermaine.

6. MARY-ANN, resides with her brothers in Iowa; unmarried.

7. MAJ. EDWARD, born in Marlborough, January 22, 1814; resided in Albany for several years, and in 1834 was commissioned by Gov. Marcy as Major of the Fifth Regiment of N. Y. State Artillery. He removed to Iowa with his brother; married Caroline Amelia, daughter of Ezra Foote, Esq., July 26, 1848. Resides in Ft. Madison.



teer at the commencement of the revolutionary war, and was taken prisoner by the British. After his liberation he married and settled in Ohio.

ASA and ELLIS, dead.

20. HON. IRA, born in Colchester, Conn., Oct. 29th, 1772. His father designed him for a farmer, and he continued to work at home on the farm until near twenty years of age; when, having an ardent thirst for knowledge, he commenced preparing for college under the instruction of the Rev. Salmon Cone. In September 1793, he entered the freshman class in Yale College; he, however, soon left that institution and became a member of Williams College. Here he continued to prosecute his studies with unusual success until he had entered upon the Junior year, and then returned to Old Yale. In 1796, he went to Westerly, R. I., and was there engaged in teaching the Academy for about a year. In the following Spring, he formed a co-partnership with Drs. Lee and Collings, and commenced the mercantile business under the name and firm of "Kilburn & Co." Not meeting with the success he had anticipated in this enterprize, after a trial of two years he abandoned it and commenced the study of law with the late Hon. Coddington Billings, of his native county. After studying three years with Mr. Billings, and receiving his certificate to that effect, he entered the office of the late Judge Gilbert, of Hebron, in 1802. He designed to have presented himself for admission to the bar at the next Court, when unforeseen circumstances called him to Tioga county, Pennsylvania.

Having taken up his residence in Lawrenceville, in the State and county last named, he was married to Miss Sally Ross, on the 20th of June, 1803. He purchased an extensive and beautiful tract of land lying on both sides of the Tioga river, embracing the ground on which the village of Lawrenceville now stands. Besides carrying on a very extensive business at farming, he erected mills of various kinds, and for a great number of years kept them in constant operation. In 1806,

he was elected Commissioner of Taxes for Tioga county, and on the 13th of September the same year he was commissioned as a Justice of the Peace. In August 1811, he was elected and commissioned Colonel in the Pennsylvania Militia, and in the following February was appointed Post Master by General Granger. About this time he was also elected Auditor of Public Accounts, and was soon after appointed a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas by the Legislature. This last office he held until he went out by the Amended Constitution, February 28, 1840—a period of twenty-eight years. The day on which his Judgeship expired, he was again commissioned as a Justice of the Peace, and during the succeeding four years tried over eight hundred law cases.

Judge Kilburn is still living, at the age of seventy-five years—with a hale constitution, and a fair share of this world's goods; respected and honored at home and abroad.

His children\* are, Wells, Harriet R., Ralph-Lee, Eliza Ann, Adaline, and Charles-Lawrence.

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CHILDREN OF HON. IRA KILBURN.

1. WELLS, born in Lawrenceville, of which place he has been at Councilman and Burgess: His is the inventor and patentee of the Corn Planter, and other agricultural implements.

2. HARRIET-ROSS, married William B. Mann, Esq:

3. RALPH-LEE, born July 4, 1810; he is now in California, on the Pacific, engaged in erecting mills.

4. ELIZA-ANN, is the wife of the Hon. Norman H. Purple, of Peoria, Ill., one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Illinois.

5. ADELINE, married John C. Knox, Esq., an Attorney.

6. LIEUT. CHARLES LAWRENCE, U. S. A., a brave and gallant officer in the American Army in Mexico, was born Lawrenceville August 9th, 1819, and graduated at the National Military Academy at West Point, in the first division of his class, in 1841. He immediately entered the Army as brevet 2d Lieutenant of Artillery; and not long after was made 2d Lieutenant. In 1846, while stationed at Fort Moultrie, S. C., he received orders to repair immediately to the seat of war, on the Rio Grande; which summons he obeyed, having, however, been appointed Adjutant previous to his departure. He participated in the battles of Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma, Buena Vista, &c.,

The following anecdote went the rounds of the newspapers in 1844 :

"A LIVE JUDGE.—As the venerable Judge Kilburn, of Pennsylvania, was once traveling in a stage-coach on his way to Court, he found among his fellow-passengers a lady from one of the back-woods counties, who had evidently seen but little of the world, and whose quaint and unsophisticated remarks excited the risibles of her listeners to an alarming pitch. The Judge having become interested in his new acquaintance, with true Yankee tact soon made himself acquainted with her origin and history. After she had finished her story, she continued—

"I've told you who I am, now I want to know who *you* be and where you come from."

"My name is Kilburn, and I came originally from the land of steady habits."

"I've heard tell of Judge Kilburn; you aint him, be you?" said the lady.

"So they call me," replied the Judge.

"I thought you was some great big man; is the land of steady habits in *this* world?"

"Yes—it is in old Connecticut."

"Wal," she continued, after looking at the Judge for a moment in astonishment, "I've seen *picfers* of Judges, but I never seen a LIVE ONE *before*—and didn't know where they come from neither!"—*Lowell Operative*.

SALLY and LUCY died at the ages of nineteen and twenty:

21. CAPT. AMASA, born in Colchester; he was Captain of militia company in the last war, and fell in command in the battle at Black Rock, N. Y. His wife was Hannah Chipman, of Vermont.

CLARISSA, married Elihu Marvin; of Hebron,

MARY married ——— Dennis, of China, N. Y.

LADIA, m. in Tioga co.; now lives with her sister last named.

22. ALFORD, was a Lieutenant in the American service during the last war with Great Britain; resigned, and was chosen a Justice of the Peace notwithstanding his youth. He died at Cattaraugus, N. Y., at the age of 25 years.

23. RALPH, M. D., was long a practicing physician in Tioga county, but now resides in China, N. Y., aged about 60 years; he is a bachelor.

and is highly complimented for his "skill and good conduct," in the official despatches of Gen. Twiggs and Gen. Taylor: In February 1847, he was promoted to a First Lieutenancy, the rank which he now holds.

## 20. JOSEPH.

24. AUSTIN, b. in Glastenbury, January 28, 1794; he was cashier of the Phoenix Branch Bank in Litchfield from 1820 to 1825. For ten years he was Recording Secretary of the Hartford Co: Agricultural Society, and in 1844 published a valuable "Treatise on Agriculture." He is now and has been for many years a hardware merchant in Hartford. Unmarried:

SOPHIA, born January 23, 1796; married Samuel Whiting, of West Hartford.

25. OGDEN, b. in Glastenbury, June 7, 1798: was married in 1842, to Miss Elizabeth Bates, niece and adopted daughter of the late Hon. Isaac C. Bates, U. S. Senator from Massachusetts. He is a hardware merchant in Hartford.

ELIZA, born October 28, 1803:

26. HORACE, born November 11, 1809.

## 21. THO MAS.

27. JAMES, b. in Hartford, Jan. 20, 1752; married and had one son, George;\* his widow is still living in Windsor, at a very advanced age.

28. NOAH, born March 18, 1755.

29. ASHBEL, born April 17, 1759: settled in East Hartford and had sons, Ashbel, Harry, Noah, Alfred, and Nathan.

## 22. CAPT. NATHANIEL.

REBECCA, m. Isaac Mason; MARY ANN, m. — Walker; SUSANNAH, m. John Bunce, Jr.; she was the grandmother of John L. Bunce, Esq., cashier of the Hartford Bank, and James M. Bunce, Esq., merchant of Hartford.

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\* GEORGE, born in Hartford, July 9th, 1792; married Mary VanZandt and had Elizabeth, Sarah, James,\* and Mary; his wife having died in 1822, he married Catharine Dale, and had George, John, William, Catharine, and Harriet: For the last thirty years he has resided in Albany; a drum maker.

\* JAMES, born in Albany, March 22, 1820; married Catharine Livingston, of Bern, N. Y., September 10, 1842. He is well known through the State of New York as a temperance and political stump speaker—by the title of "The Celebrated Albany Carpenter."

## CAPT. SAMUEL.

SARAH, married Spencer Whiting, Esq., of Hartford.

SAMUEL, died in Hartford, Nov. 25, 1789, Æ. 16 years.

30. WILLIAM, b. 1779; d. March 28, 1837; unmarried.

JERUSHA, married a Mr. Hall, and had a family.

31. HON. HENRY, born in East Hartford; married Elizabeth, daughter of Maj. Elisha Babcock, editor of the American Mercury, Hartford, and became a merchant in that city early in life. He was for a great number of years a Director of the Ætna Insurance Company; in 1818, he was elected a Representative to the State Legislature from Hartford, and was occasionally chosen to the same station until 1835. In 1838, he was placed in nomination by the Whigs of Connecticut for Comptroller of the State, and, after an animated contest, was elected by a large majority. In each of the years 1839, '40, and '41, Mr. Kilbourn was re-elected Comptroller. He is still living in Front street, at the head of Kilbourn street, in Hartford; his children are, Henry-Samuel, James-Elisha, and Emeline, wife of Dr. E. E. Marcy.

## 33. WILLIAM:

32. JOHN, A. M., b. in Tunbridge, Vt., Aug. 7, 1789; graduated at the Vermont University, at Burlington, in 1810; removed to Ohio, where he was for a while Principal of Worthington Academy, and subsequently practiced law in Chillicothe. He was the author of the Ohio Gazetteer, the Vermont Gazetteer, and one or two school books. He married a lady of Utica, N. Y., and had two children; died at Chillicothe several years since.

33. ARIUS, born in Tunbridge, July 12, 1790; resides in Worthington, Ohio; his wife and children are dead.

JULIA, married Ezra Perkins, of Chelsea, Vt.

EMILY, married Joshua Foster, jr., of Chelsea.

34. DR. RALPH, [Dentist,] born in Tunbridge, August 29, 1796; married Sally Dearborn, of Chelsea; now resides in Montpelier. His children are, William-Pearly, [b. 1820,]

George-Henry, Horatio-Everett, Isaac-Dearborn, Mary A., Harriet, Ann Clara, Edward-Ralph and Edwin-Arius, twins.

35. WILLIAM, born in Tunbridge, 1799 ; died in Dublin, Ohio ; married, but left no descendants.

SARAH, lives in Hartford ; unmarried,

OSMOND, died in infancy.

36. JEDEDIAH-SAGE, *M. D.*, born in Tunbridge, Oct. 23, 1803 ; pursued his professional studies with Dr. Russel Clark, of Sandy Hill, N. Y., and Drs. Robbins and Wheeler, of Troy ; and took a license to practice from the Renselaer County Medical Society. He then went to Albany and studies one year with Professor Marsh, and in 1836 he graduated at the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons. A few years since, he was selected as the Private Physician of Joseph Bonaparte, ex-king of Spain. Unmarried.

37. JAMES, born in Tunbridge, September 29, 1807, and died a few years since in Ohio ; had been recently married.

ELIZA ANN, married Homer Tuller, of Worthington, Ohio.

35. HON. JAMES:

38. COL. HECTOR, born in Simsbury, Conn., in 1791 ; removed to Worthington, Ohio, with his father. He studied the art of Surveying, and assisted his father in laying out Sandusky City—at which place he ever afterwards resided. He accumulated an estate of \$20,000 ; was Colonel of Militia, Postmaster, and Magistrate. Died in 1838. Unmarried.

LUCY, born in Simsbury ; was married to M. Matthews, Esq., in 1811 ; their children are, Dorance, Adaline, Fitch, James, and Ellen. She died in 1838.

HARRIET, born in Simsbury in 1795 ; married Dr. C. H. Case in 1812, and had Hector and Douglas ; Dr. Case having died, she was married in 1820 to A. Buttles, and had Edwin, Julia, Love, Eden, Mary, Henry and Lucy.

LAURA, born in Simsbury in 1797 ; was married to R. W. Cowles, and had Havens, Cynthia, Hector K., Mary Antonette,

Reuselaer H., James W., Geraldine, Granville, Laura K., Gertrude, Byron K., and Whiting D.

ORREL, was killed in early childhood by an accident.

39. HON. BYRON, born in Granby, Conn., in 1801, and removed with his father to Ohio when about three years old. He first commenced business as Surveyor of Crawford and Marion counties; and on the commencement of the Public Works in Ohio, he was appointed by the State to the important post of Resident, Locating and Superintending Engineer—and continued to exercise the duties of the appointment until the completion of the Grand Canal from Portsmouth to Cleveland, the Miami Canal from Cincinnati to Dayton, and the Sloop Canal from Huron to Milan. After the close of the Black Hawk War, he went to Wisconsin as United States' Surveyor for that Territory. Soon after his arrival there, he purchased a large tract of wild land at the mouth of Milwaukee River, and there located and founded the city of Milwaukee, which now contains upwards of 12,000 inhabitants. In 1840 he was nominated for Delegate to Congress from that Territory, but though he polled a heavy vote, his competitor, Gov. Doty, was elected. In 1845, he was elected a member of the Wisconsin House of Delegates from Milwaukee county. He was a member of the great River and Harbor Convention holden at Chicago in July, 1847, and one of the General Committee appointed to call said convention and to make arrangements therefor.

His first wife was Mary H. Cowles, by whom he had Gloriana, and Lucy Fitch; his second wife was Henrietta Karriek, by whom he had Byron-Hector.

ORREL, 2d. born in Washington, Pa., in 1803: married I.

\* "In the summer of 1835, Mr. Kilbourn purchased the land on the west side of the river from the United States, and surveyed it into town lots. That portion of Milwaukee is still known as Kilbourn town. The first physician in Milwaukee was the lamented Dr. Proud, who located at Kilbourn town in 1836."—[McCabe's 'History of Milwaukee,' 1847.

N. Whiting, Esq., a noted publisher and bookseller in Columbus, Ohio.

CYNTHIA, born in Worthington, Ohio, in 1809; married Dr. I. G. Jones.

ELIZA, [twin with Cynthia,] died when 18 months old.

40. LINCOLN, born in Worthington, in 1812; married Jane Evans, and has children Alice and James. He is a merchant in Columbus, of the firm of Fay & Kilbourne.

CHARLOTTE, b. in Worthington, 1812; died in childhood.

PROF. JAMES, *M. D.*, born in Worthington in 1815; married Laura Pinney in 1838, and had Laura, who died aged 6m.; his second wife was Nancy Stiles, to whom he was married in 1842, and had one son, named Lincoln-Percy. He was a man of extraordinary attainments in science and literature, and, before he had reached his 30th year, was elevated to an important professorship in the Medical College at Cincinnati. He died, deeply lamented, in Columbus, May 30, 1845. An interesting sketch of his life, by Prof. Morrow, will be found in the Appendix of this volume.

36. GEORGE.

SOPHIA, born in Farmington, Conn., in 1792; married Herman Oviatt, Esq., of Hudson, Ohio, formerly of Goshen:

42. ASHBEL, born in Goshen, Conn., July 9, 1796; married Sophia, daughter of Solomon Curtis, of Chillicothe, Ohio. He is a Justice of the Peace, and deacon of the congregational church at Hudson, Ohio, where he now resides.

43. GEORGE, born in Goshen, April 24, 1798; married Almira, daughter of Deac. Wolcott, of Torrington, Conn.

44. COL. TIMOTHY, born in Goshen, July 2, 1801; married Louisa, daughter of Deac. Jona. Baldwin, of Atwater, O.

ELIZA, married Harlow Davis, of Hudson.

45. JUSTIN, born in Tallmadge, Ohio, August 14, 1812; married Amanda, daughter of Col. Luther Fitch, Sharon, O.

COL. CHARLES.

LUCY, b. at St. Johns, Canada; m. John Savage, of Alburg.



BETSEY, married Henry Curtis : died in 1808.

46. BENJAMIN, born in 1789 ; married Sophia Cooley, of Dunham, L. C., and had children, Annis M., Charles P., Lydia, Joseph H., Lewis P., Lucy E., Benjamin N., Sophia, Chester, Daniel R., Victoria A. He now lives in Roxton.

47. COL. ALEXANDER, born at Caldwell's Manor, April 5, 1791 ; m. Thankful H. Bangs, of Stanstead ; his children are, Susan L., and Charles A. At the breaking out of what is known as the 'patriot war,' in 1836, he was appointed to the command of a company of provincials, called the Queen's Loyal Volunteers, which had been called into the regular service to aid in suppressing the outbreak. During the winter of 1836-'7, while on his way to secure some prisoners, he received a severe wound in his abdomen, which for a time disabled him. Subsequently he resigned his commission as captain of the Volunteers, and accepted an appointment of lieutenant colonel of militia, with a view of disciplining them for active service. But peace being restored, without his being again called upon, he resigned : he resides upon his father's homestead, in Stanstead, near Lake Memfremagog, in Canada. By the proceedings of the Stanstead co. Agricultural Society, for 1845, I find a premium awarded to 'Col. Alexander Kilborn, for the best Farm' in the county.

SALLY, died at the age of seventeen years.

JOSEPH, died in childhood.

MARY, married Daniel Bemick : died in Quebec, aged 19.

NANCY, married Stephen Cobb : died in 1826, *Æ* 32.

MATILDA, married Capt. Ellphalet Bodwell, of Stanstead.

LYDIA, married Edward F. G. Stoddart, Esq., son of sir Thomas Stoddert, of Clair county, Ireland, proprietor of Bonratta castle, on the river Shanon.

48. DAVID.

48. HON. JOHN, lieut. colonel ; elected a member of the Parliament in 1829 ; he is now [August 1847,] a candidate for re-election ; resides at Newboro', Leeds co., Canada.

[There are other children of David Kilbourn, but I have on information concerning them.]

49. SAMUEL.

The only knowledge I have obtained of the family of Samuel Kilbourn is contained in the following paragraph from the Brockville (Canada) Recorder, of June 10, 1847:

“PATRIARCHAL.—Mr. Samuel Kilborn, who is a resident of the township of Kitley, and one of its first settlers, states that he is now 78 years old, and his wife 75 years. They have 13 children, 75 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren. Mr. Kilborn also says he has seen the sixth generation. He is still quite comfortable as to health, and was recently in this town, for which he had to travel some 20 or 25 miles.”

50. CAPT. JOSEPH.

WILLIAM V., born in Ascott; drowned in St. Francis river, May 4, 1829, *Æ.* 22 years.

49. JOSEPH-HENRY, born Westbury, Canada, May 9th, 1809; m. Susan Hughes, March 18, 1832. During the “patriot war” he was a leading member of the committee of vigilance, and a captain in the patriot service: was arrested and imprisoned at Toronto; had five private examinations before a board of commissioners—was permitted to speak in his own defense, and was acquitted. Again he engaged with enthusiasm in the patriot cause, was again arrested, and obtained his release by enlisting into the Queen’s service; after proceeding thirty miles with the soldiers, he made his escape, and ultimately reached Michigan in safety, where he permanently located. In 1842, he was appointed Postmaster at Sanford, Ingham co. and in 1847, he was elected a member of the Legislature of Michigan.

44 WHITMAN.

50 MYRON, *A. M.*, born in Litchfield, October 10, 1801; graduated at Hamilton College in 1824: married Miss Abbe, (sister of Dr. Alanson Abbe, late of Litchfield:) he settled in Iowa, where he now resides.

51 ETHAN, born in Litchfield, August 18, 1803: married Thankful, daughter of Deac Amos Bishop, May 31, 1830.

52 ELIADA, born in Litchfield, Feb. 20, 1809 : married Maryann, daughter of Charles Dudley, of Litchfield, November 1, 1843.

AMANDA, born September 26, 1811 : married James B. Peck :

53 REV. JAMES, born in Litchfield, May 29, 1816 : was for two or three years a student in Yale College, and subsequently entered the Theological Department of that institution, and graduated there in 1843 : and was during the same year ordained and installed pastor of the congregational church in Bridgewater, Conn. He married Amelia Cynthia, daughter of Rev. Bela Kellogg, of Avon, December 12, 1838.

61. CHAUNCEY.

54. JOHN, born at Charlotte, Vt., Nov. 1, 1812 : entered Yale College in 1836 and left that institution in 1839 : he has since been principally engaged in teaching in Pennsylvania and Maryland. In 1844, he was married to Miss Catharine Monroe Crawford, of Fayetteville, Pa.

55. PAYNE-KENYON, born in Litchfield, Conn., July 26, 1815 ; married Elizabeth A., daughter of Warren Cone, of Norfolk, Litchfield county, August 3d, 1842.

GILES-CHAUNCEY, born in Litchfield, July 12, 1817 ; died in Kent, April 3, 1826.

1. The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the plane was the fresh air. It felt like a breath of new life after being cooped up in a small space for hours.

2. The second thing I noticed was the view. The landscape below was a patchwork of green fields and small villages, stretching out as far as the eye could see. It was a beautiful sight, and I felt a sense of peace and tranquility.

3. The third thing I noticed was the sound. The gentle hum of the engine and the soft rustle of the leaves in the breeze created a soothing melody that lulled me into a state of relaxation.

4. The fourth thing I noticed was the smell. The earthy scent of the soil and the sweet fragrance of the flowers in the fields filled my nostrils, making me feel like I had reached a new world.

DESCENDANTS OF  
 GEORGE KILBURN,

OF ROWLEY, MASS.,

[Who was admitted a freeman in that town A. D. 1640.]

[During my correspondence on the subject to which this volume specially relates, the following communications concerning the descendants of George Kilburn were received. It is earnestly to be hoped that some member of this important branch of the family will make out a full and correct Genealogy of it.]—P. K. K.

[From Deacon JEREMIAH KILBOURN, of Groton; Mass.]

*Groton, Mass., Jan. 9, 1845.*

PAYNE KENYON KILBOURN, Esq.—Dear Sir: Your letter of the 25th ult. came duly to hand, and with much pleasure I have taken pains to collect such facts as were within my reach relative to the Genealogy of the Kilbourn family in this vicinity. I commence with a record which I have just taken from the Bible of David Kilbourn, Esq., of Lunenburg, Mass., my father's cousin, viz. :

“Two brothers came to America from Devonshire, England, about the year 1630. GEORGE settled in Rowley, Mass., and died there; the other settled in Connecticut. Samuel, son of George above-named, lived and died in Rowley: he had four sons, Samuel, Jedediah, David, and Eliphalet. David (last named) removed to Lunenburg in 1765, and there died in 1776, aged 88: his sons, viz. Jonathan, William and Samuel, were born in Rowley. Jonathan was born in 1737, removed to Lunenburg in 1767, and died there in 1806; his son David was born in Rowley March 27, 1766, and removed to Lunenburg in 1767.”

William Kilbourn (brother of Jonathan and great-grandson of George,) was born March 20, 1744, removed to Lunenburg about 1767, and died at the residence of his son William, in Fitchburg, Aug. 14, 1832, aged 88 years; his wife was Marcy Smith of Ipswich, by whom he had William, Jeremiah, & Elmous. The last named William is the 5th generation from George of Rowley, and the father of the writer of this sheet; he was born at Lunenburg July 16, 1773; married Mary Mace, January 12, 1796; removed to Fitchburg April 1, 1802, and from thence to Groton in 1840. My grandfather's other sons, Jeremiah and Elmous, died in early life. Of my father's family, I [Jeremiah] am the oldest,

—born in Lunenburg January 24, 1797, married Patty Flint in 1818, and settled in Groton same year; my sister Mary Kilbourn married Stephen Stickney in 1830; my brother William Kilbourn was born June 12, 1802—received the degree of *M. D.* at medical institution at Castleton, Vt, and is now an eminent practitioner in Wilton, Maine; his first wife was Eliza Barrett, his 2d, Charlotte Bates; my brother Elbridge Gerry Kilbourn was born February 25, 1808—received his education at Brown University, and is now practicing law in the city of Baltimore; my sister Martha m. Avery Stockwell; Sarah m. Asa S. Kendall.

My children are—Martha Augusta, [died 1841 *Æ* 23,] Jeremiah-Flint [died young,] Mary E., Josiah-Burrage, [now of Boston,] Ann Maria, Francis Jane, William-Arthur, and George-Wells.

I will now go back and give you such information as I have respecting some other branches of our family. I have learned nothing of Samuel, son of George, except that he had four sons (as given above,) viz., 1. Samuel, of whose descendants I know nothing; 2. Jedediah, do. do.; 3. David, the line of who posterity I have traced through his son William to my children; 4. Eliphalet, was a physician of some note, but I have learned nothing of his descendants. Samuel, son David last named, removed from Rowley to Lunenburg in 1767, married Sarah Cook, and had two sons and three daughters—Daniel, Samuel, Lydia, Sarah and Maria. About 1785 the said Samuel with his family joined the Shakers at Shirley, and lived and died there—except his two sons, who left them at the age of twenty-one; Daniel married and had three sons, Daniel, Hiram and Sumner; Samuel settled in Fitzwilliam, N. H., and died there in 1829, leaving two sons, Harvey and Milton.

David Kilbourn of Lunenburg and Lucy Pingrey of Rowley were married in January 1793; their children, Betsey, Solon [died *Æ* 21, while a member Junior class, Harvard college,] Jonathan, Cyrus, Asa, Milton, Nathan and Luey. Each of the sons of David Kilbourn now living have families of young children.

You request me to state whether the Kilbourns in our line have held office, either civil, military or ecclesiastical. If we have sought for office, we certainly have not been successful. My brother William holds a commission of Justice of the peace, and I have been for some years a deacon in the first church in Groton—which facts I do not consider important in this connection.

Thus I conclude, & remain yours respectfully, JEREMIAH KILBOURN.

[From Mr. John Kilborn, Bridgeton, Maine.]

*Bridgeton, Me., Nov. 2, 1843.*

Dear Sir—I received a letter from you a short time since, asking for information relative to the ancestry and family of my father, Capt. John Kilborn, who lately died in this place at the age of 88 years. His father and mother died when he was young, and we have no record of them. If I mistake not he had a brother Paul, who had no family, and a sister Rebecca who married a Todd.

My father was born in Old Rowley, Mass., June 28, 1755, and married Mary How of Ipswich; they had nine children, six of them sons, viz.,

1. JOHN, born November 16, 1782; his children are, Hanibal Milton, b. 1809, unmarried, now living at Hampton, New Brunswick; John born 1811, married and lives at Cambridgeport, Mass.; Jacob Barker born 1820, died 1822; Robert Andrews born 1822; Charles Otis born 1824.

2. ENOS N., went to sea early in life, and has not been heard of since 1809.

3. WILLIAM, married Betsey Senter, February 10, 1808, and had 13 children, 8 of whom are living,—the others died in childhood. The sons living are, Enoch Leander Watton born 1808—m. and has one son; resides in Harrison, Me. Thomas Dresser born 1810—m. and has two sons; resides in Aurora: Jacob Van Renselaer, born 1812, m. Esther Phinney, and has 3 daughters: Jesse Gibbs

born 1817, married Mary Ann Burnham, and has two sons and one daughter; William Tombs born 1817, and Samuel Farnsworth born 1821.

4. EBENEZER, born December 20, 1791; married Lydia Ingalls in 1818, and had 4 daughters and 2 sons; the sons are, Benjamin T. Chase and Samuel A.

In the History of Rowley, published in 1840, I find the names of Joseph Kilborn, Isaac Kilborn and Samuel Kilborn in a tax record 1691; also in 1777, those of my father and his brother Paul, as having enlisted into the continental army.

Your friend and obedient servant, JOHN KILBORN.

To P. K. Kilbourn, Esq., Editor of the Columbian, Hartford.

[From Mr. Eliphalet Kilburn, Boscawen, N. H.]-1844.

Payne Kenyon Kilbourn, Esq.—Sir: We received your letter on the 5th inst., informing us that you were preparing a History of the Kilbourn Family. We are much gratified that you have engaged in such a work, and most cheerfully impart all the facts within our reach which bear upon the subject.

My father, to whom your letter was addressed, is now in his 93rd year, and being unable to reply to your inquiries, I proceed to give you such facts as our records and his memory can furnish.

My great grandfather was born and lived in Rowley; his children were—

SAMPSON, m. Rebecca Pickard of Boxford, settled in Rowley, and had four children—Paul, John, Rebecca and Huldah.

ABIGAIL, married Jonathan Smith; her son, the late Hon Jedediah Kilburn Smith, was long a distinguished councilor and member of congress, N. Hamp.

There were three other daughters, viz—Elizabeth, wife of John Adams of Rowley, Hannah wife of David Bailey of Maine, and Susan wife of a Mr Cowan. JEDEDIAH, my grandfather, was born in New Rowley, Mass.; married Hannah Platts; removed to Boscawen, N H, and from thence to Henniker, where he died in 1820; he had eight children—four sons and four daughters, viz:

1 *Nathan*, born 1750, married Sarah Plummer and settled in Boscawen: died 1794; had four children—James resides in New Andover, others dead.

2 *Eliphalet*, born in New Rowley 1752; in 1777 he enlisted into the service for 8 months in col. Little's regiment, and afterwards under colonels Johnson and Wade 5 months each, was at the battles of Bunker Hill, Bemus' Heights, &c.; removed to Boscawen; married Mary Thurlow and had 12 children; his sons are—George, b. 1784, Enoch, Eliphalet, and Moody, all of Boscawen, and all having families. He has had 63 grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren.

3 *Jedediah* born 1762; married and settled in Newburyport, and engaged in the fisheries; his sons Nathan, John and William follow the seas if living.

4 *Nathaniel* born 1764; married and removed to Thetford, Vt.; had 10 children—died in 1839; Benjamin his oldest son married and removed to Ohio.

Very respectfully, your ob't servant, ELIPHALET KILBURN, jr.

[From James Kilburn, Esq., of Princeton, Mass:]

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 1st, 1844.

P. K. Kilbourn Esq.,

Dear Sir—I have just received a copy of the Hartford Columbian of July 20th, containing a notice signed by yourself, stating that you were preparing for publication a Genealogy of the Kilbourn Family, &c.; and it is

with the sincerest pleasure that I improve the earliest opportunity to give you all the information in my possession.

I have no definite information which goes farther back than my great grandfather—excepting, that my ancestors who settled on the old Kilburn Farm in Sterling, Mass., came directly from Rowley.

My great grandfather, Deac. JOSEPH KILBURN, had four sons, viz., Timothy, Joseph, Joshua and Levi.

1. Col. Timothy, born in 1755: married Relief Richardson, and had two sons, viz.,—James, [born in Sterling, 1780, married Anna Beaman, and had 4 children. Rebecca, James (the writer of this,) Samuel and Sarah A.] and Samuel, who died without children; you will hence see that I am the only male descendant of Col. Timothy Kilburn, who bears his name. He died in 1838.

2. Rev. Joseph, graduated at Harvard College in 1778; was settled over the congregational church in Wendall, Mass., and remained its pastor until his death in 1815. His only son, Joseph King Kilburn, is a merchant in Augusta, Georgia.

3. Joshua, died in Sterling about 10 years since, and I think left one son George, now resides in Boston.

4. Levi, now about 75 years old, lives in West Boylston, Mass.; he has one son, Levi, now about 40 years old, residing in the same town.

My ancestors, from my great grandfather, down to and including my father, were all born, lived and died, upon the same farm in Sterling.

Caleb Kilburn, a cousin of my grandfather, is still living in Princeton, and is nearly ninety years of age. His son, Capt. Eli Kilburn, lives in Sterling.

While at the Seminary in Andover a few years since, I became acquainted with Mr. John Kilbourn, from Litchfield, Conn. Though my business has since often led me into nearly every State in the Union, I have not met an individual bearing our name, (out of Connecticut,) except Maj. Edward Kilbourne, of Fort Madison, Iowa.

I feel exceedingly interested in your enterprise, and am anxious to obtain copies of your work as soon as it may be completed.

Yours, very respectfully, JAMES KILBURN.

A correspondent writing from Princeton, says—

Mr. Calvin Kilburn does not remember his grandfather's name, but thinks it was John, Jacob or Isaac. He came from Rowley, settled in Sterling, and had two sons, Joseph and Isaac. Isaac, who was the father of Calvin above named, married Hannah Ordway, and had ten children. Himself and one son died at Crown Point. His sons were, Aaron, Jacob, Calvin, John, Isaac, and William. Calvin was born in October 1757; married Mary Strattan in 1783, and had six children, viz., Sally, Isaac, William, Sally 2d, Eli, and Mary.

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[From Dr. Alpheus Kilburn, of Akron, Summit co., Ohio.]

Dear Sir—I received your favor of the 3d inst., and will reply without preliminary. My father, Jacob Kilburn, was born in Sterling, Mass.; married Mary Fletcher, of Lancaster, Mass., (his second wife,) and had by her, four sons, viz.—1. John; 2. George, lives in Alstead, N. H.; Thad-



deus, died in 1839, his wife died the same year; L. Alpheus, b. in Sterling, 1801, and has 4 sons, Edwin, Oscar, and Hallett.

My father was a Revolutionary soldier, and was twice wounded.

You are engaged in a good work. I wish you success.

Yours, in brotherly love, ALPHEUS KILBURN.

[From Mr. Nathaniel Kilborn, of Bellview, Iowa.]

*Bellview, Iowa, July 8, 1844.*

Sir: On my way down the river from this place to St. Louis, recently, I fell in with Maj. Edward Kilbourn, who informed me that you were preparing a Genealogy of the Kilborns, and requested me to send you such facts as I possessed relative to the Branch to which I belong.

My grandfather, Nathaniel Kilborn, died recently at South Strafford, Vt. My father, Benjamin Kilborn, removed from Vermont to Ohio before my birth, and died when I was a child, leaving four children, George-Perry, Nathaniel, Roxa and Priscilla—all married except myself. I am engaged in merchandising in this place. We were left poor, and have not departed very far from our inheritance; but thus far I have never seen our name disgraced, and I do not intend to be the first to dishonor it.

Yours respectfully, NATH'L. KILBORN.

P. K. Kilbourn, Editor of the *Columbian*, Hartford.

[From Guy R. Haynes, Esq. of East Boston.]

*East Boston, Mass., April 23, 1844.*

Dear Sir—Our nephew, George Kilborn, received yours in due time, and as he is much occupied with business, he requests me to reply to it, which I do with pleasure. I formerly devoted much time to the genealogy of the Haynes Family, particularly the descendants of Gov. John Haynes of your state; and notwithstanding many unanswered letters, I have a list of names over 40 feet in length, extending from 1578 to the present time.

Samuel Kilborn was born in Rowley; married Mary —, and had two children, viz., Mary, born Sept. 10, 1737, married Solomon Cram, of Lyndsboro, N. H.; Capt. George, born July 22, 1743, married Elizabeth Britt, and had eleven children, seven of whom were sons, viz.—

1. Thomas, married Deborah Lunt, and had Samuel, [who m. Hannah Goodwin and had Samuel and Hannah,] Thomas, [who m. Hannah Tenney and had Thomas and one other,] and Richard, who died young.

2 Samuel died at sea. 3 George W. and 4 George W 2d, died young.

5. Robert, married Abigail Nimby, and had three sons, Samuel, George, [died at 18 years,] and Francis, who died at sea.

6. John, unmarried, lives at Calais, Maine.

7. George, married Rebecca Coleman; he is now master of a vessel sailing from Newburyport; his sons are, Benjamin Franklin, who died young, George born 1821, now a merchant in Boston, and he one you wrote to, Warren, John Augustus, drowned in childhood, and John.

I married Susan Kilborn, daughter of Capt. George, and had one son, George Albert, who died in 1830, aged 17 years.

Respectfully yours, &c.

GUY R. HAYNES.

[From the Postmaster at Burlington, Vt.]

*Burlington, Vt., September 21, 1844.*

P. K. Kilbourn, Esq. : Dear Sir—In 'The Columbian' of the 30th of July last, I observed a notice of yours in relation to the history and genealogy of the Kilbourn Family in the United States. Having been acquainted with a man of that name who resided in that town, I handed the paper to his widow, requesting her to answer your inquiries. She did so as follows, viz,

"William Kilburn was born in Sterling, Mass., September 8, 1762. His father was a soldier in the French War, and died at Crown Point, leaving a wife and seven children; his sons were, Levi, Calvin, John and William. On the breaking out of the revolution, William enlisted into his country's service, and continued in the army until the declaration of peace. He resided in Middlebury and Salisbury, Vt. until 1821, when he removed to Burlington, where he died November 28, 1841. His first wife was Mary Bartholomew; his second, Ann Woodruff."

For the few years I knew Mr Kilburn, he was a pensioner of the United States. He had the reputation of being an honest and upright man—very tenacious of his own opinions. In politics he was a democrat—in religious belief a universalist. He left a small property to his widow, he having no children

Respectfully, your ob't serv't, WM. NOBLE.

[From the Hon. Charles K. Williams, LL. D., Chief Justice of Vermont.]

*Rutland, Vermont, April 9, 1847.*

Dear Sir—I have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you, yet I trust you will excuse me for troubling you with this request. Mr. Alphonzo Kilborn, of Castleton, informs me that you have collected a genealogical list of those who bear the name of Kilbourn or Kilburn. The object of this is to inquire whether you trace any of the name to the town of Rowley, Mass. My middle name is Kilborn. I trace my descent directly from George Kilborn, who was one of the first settlers of Rowley, but there are none of his descendants now living in that town, nor can I learn at this time to what part they removed; though I am satisfied there must be many of them somewhere in New England. Any information you can give me will be thankfully received, and all charges cheerfully paid.

Very respectfully, your ob't servant, CH. K. WILLIAMS.

Mr. Payne Kenyon Kilbourn, Editor Litchfield Enquirer, Ct.

## Appendix.

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[From the Ohio State Journal—1845.]

### **A Silver Pitcher for Col. James Kilbourne.**

The splendid Silver Pitcher, presented to the Hon. James Kilbourne, of this vicinity, by the friends of the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, chartered by act of the last General Assembly, as a testimonial of respect for his exertions with the Legislature, and elsewhere, in explaining the principles and supporting the claims of that institution, is the workmanship of Messrs. E. & D. Kinsey, Cincinnati, and in its just proportions, superior style of ornament and engraving, and perfection of execution in every part, would be creditable to the most distinguished artists of their order in America.

It was presented in the College Edifice, at Worthington, on the 27th ult. in presence of the Board of Trustees of that Institution, and a numerous assembly of ladies and gentlemen convened on the occasion, by Dr. Thomas Vaughn Morrow, Founder and first Professor of the Institute, who was deputed specially for that purpose. The presentation was preceded by an excellent and eloquent address by Professor Morrow, on behalf of the new corporation, to their honored benefactor and to the audience; to which, after the presentation, the venerable receiver made a most feeling and appropriate reply;—in all of which the audience appeared to take a lively interest. The pitcher is 13 inches high, 20 inches in circumference, and heavy in material for its general proportions. On its front is the following inscription—

PRESENTED TO THE  
HON. JAMES KILBOURNE,  
by the friends of the  
Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati,  
In consideration of his able and efficient support  
Of Medical Reformation.  
*E. & D. Kinsey, makers.*

Col. John Kilborn, whose Address we give below, is a son of Mr. David Kilborn, formerly of Litchfield, Conn.: he has been a member of the Parliament of Upper Canada, and is now a candidate for re-election.

[From the Brockville (Canada) Recorder—April 1847.]

*Col. Kilborn's Address.*—It affords us much pleasure to be enabled to lay Mr. Kilborn's Address before the electors of Leeds. In Mr. Kilborn they have a candidate whose personal honesty and integrity are untainted, and whose interests are closely connected with their own—contrasting most favorably with the wily, tortuous, office seeking course pursued by the man whom he is called on by his fellow-citizens to oppose. No man need be ashamed to give his vote for Mr. Kilborn; nor will any be under the necessity of resorting to the paltry subterfuge adopted by some of the tories at the last election, &c.

### TO THE ELECTORS OF LEEDS.

*Gentlemen*—On the 3d of February last, I was presented with a requisition, numerously and respectably signed by my fellow Electors, soliciting me to stand as a candidate for your suffrages on the recurrence of an Election for this County. I informed the requisitionists that I responded to their call, and would accordingly offer myself for the high honor of representing you in Parliament, whenever you are called upon to exercise the elective franchise.

That period has arrived in consequence of Mr. Gowan, your late Representative, having, as I understand, accepted office. I now come forward to redeem my promise and to crave your united and cordial support.

I consider it quite unnecessary to enter into a lengthened explanation of the political principles which I hold, and which would direct me were I returned as your Representative. It will be sufficient to state that they have under one no change since the year 1829, when I had the honor of representing you in the legislature of Upper Canada. On the contrary, the occurrences which have transpired since that time have tended to root me more steadfastly in my political faith. Should I attain the distinguished dignity of again becoming your Representative, I shall contend for the strictest ministerial responsibility, and resist any and every attempt which may be made to overthrow or pervert the resolutions of 1841. These are our guaranty for what is usually termed Responsible Government, and by me they shall be defended and cherished as essentially necessary for the preservation of that nicely balanced form of Government under which England has become so powerful and free, and without the administration of which in its essence in this Province, the people will never be contented.

My closest attention shall be given to the promotion of the interests of the agriculturalist—in whose prosperity all others participate. I will endeavor to watch over the interests of the country at large, and aid in the removal of all abuses, and no efforts shall be wanting on my part to develop the resources of the Province, to remove all restrictions on trade and the navigation of our waters, and in a word, to render the commerce of the Colony (unless for purposes of revenue,) as free as the air we breathe.

Gentlemen, it is you who have drawn me into my present position, and upon you do I throw myself with unbounded confidence, believing you

will carry me through the approaching contest honorably and triumphantly.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient and faithful servant,

JOHN KILBORN.

Newborough, [Leeds county, Canada,] 6th April, 1847.

We find the following in the Western Monthly Journal of Medical and Chirurgical Science, for November, 1845.

**Prof. James Kilbourne, M. D.**

"The following remarks were submitted by T. V. Morrow, Professor of Pathology, Physiology, Theory and Practice of Medicine, in the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, at the close of his Introductory Lecture, delivered November 7th instant, before the class of said Institute, on the subject of the death of the late James Kilbourne, Jr. M. D.

I cannot, in justice to my own feelings, allow this occasion to pass, without adverting briefly to one of those melancholy events which occasionally happens and which, from its nature, is calculated to fill the mind with the most profound regret and heartfelt sorrow.

Since the close of the last annual course of winter Lectures in this school, JAMES KILBOURNE, Jr. *M. D.*, late a Professor in this Institution, has closed his earthly career. He died on the 30th of May last, in the city of Columbus, O., surrounded by his family and his friends, aged 30 years and one month.

I am informed that he met his untimely fate with all the composure and firmness of a man who confided in the prospect of immediately entering into a state of existence inconceivably happier than the best condition of man on earth, and *that* a state of progression forever, to higher and higher powers, still expanding in knowledge, in happiness, and in glory. His mind was clear and collected to the last. He had a great desire for longer life *here*, to enjoy and cherish his family and other friends, who were many, and with them to serve and benefit his fellow men, as his attainments and opportunities might allow. But he fully believed that a higher and happier destiny awaited him.

Thus was cut down by the relentless ravages of a complicated disease, one of the noblest and most gifted specimens of humanity. It was my fortune to have known him long and well. My acquaintance with him commenced in 1830. Even at this early age, he gave evidence of more than ordinary powers of mind. When he had scarcely attained the 19th year of his age, he stepped forward in the career of letters, and became the successful competitor for one of the prizes offered by the Managers for the best addresses on the occasion of the opening of the Columbus Theatre. This first exhibition in a public way of the capacities of his powerful and vigorous mind, won for him the second prize, which was a beautiful silver cup, valued at \$25. This was certainly a compliment of the highest cast to his genius and talents, especially when it is remembered that many of the best writers in this and the surrounding States were competitors for the same. Subsequently he studied and graduated in the Medical Department of Worthington College, with high credit to himself. Soon after which he entered on the practical duties of his profession, but was obliged to relinquish them occasionally, on account of his physical disabilities. In the spring of 1843, he was invited to and accepted a professorship in this Institute, and continued in the discharge of its active duties for about one year, during which time he gave the most satisfactory evidences of his splendid qualifications

for the duties of his situation. But the insidious inroads of disease soon disqualified him for its many complicated duties. To seek that repose so necessary for his declining health, he once more returned to the bosom of his family and friends, and there remained until the day of his death. Seldom has it fallen to our lot to find a mind so richly endowed with the varied powers which adorn and dignify human nature, encased in so frail and languishing a body. I saw him for the last time about four weeks previous to his death, when I visited Columbus and Worthington as the agent of this Institute, to present, in behalf of its friends, a small token of respect to his venerable father, Col. James Kilbourne, for his manly support of the claims of our Institute upon the Legislature for a charter. To high and commanding talents, he joined the urbanity and polish of the finished gentleman. His lectures as well as writings are replete with eloquence, instruction and interest, and had it pleased the Author of his being to have lengthened his existence to the ordinary term of human life, no one could entertain a doubt but that its meridian and evening would have been marked by the same signal conquests of mind that had characterized the bright morning of his short but brilliant career. He left an affectionate wife and an interesting little son, together with numerous relatives and a vast concourse of friends, to deplore his premature death."

### **Lieut. Charles Lawrence Kilburn, U. S. A.**

*From Gen. Twiggs' Official Report of the Battle of Monterey:*

Dated, "Army of Occupation, Camp near Monterey, }  
Mexico, September 29, 1846. }

"Captains R. Ridgely and B. Bragg, and Lieutenants W. H. Shover, J. F. Reynolds, C. L. KILBURN, and S. G. French, deserve the highest praise for their skill and good conduct under the heaviest fire of the enemy, which, when an opportunity offered, was concentrated on them."

*From Gen. Taylor's Official Report of the Battle of Buena Vista.*

Dated March 6, 1847.

"Discovering that the enemy were pressing heavily upon the Mississippi regiment, the 3d Indiana regiment under Col. Lane was dispatched to strengthen that part of our line, which formed a crotchet perpendicular to the first line of battle. At the same time Lieut. KILBURN, with a piece of Capt. Bragg's battery, was directed to support the infantry there engaged. The action was for a long time warmly sustained at that point—the enemy making several efforts both with infantry and cavalry against our line, and always being repulsed with a heavy loss."

"While I commend to particular favor the gallant conduct and services of Maj. Monroe, chief of artillery, and Captains Bragg, Washington and Sherman, commanding batteries, I deem it no more than just to mention all the subordinate officers. They were nearly all detached at different times, and in every situation exhibited conspicuous skill and gallantry. Capt. Shover and Lieut. KILBURN, 3d artillery, were attached to Bragg's battery," &c.

A communication in the New Orleans Tropic, dated at "Camp Buena Vista, Feb. 21, 1847, after alluding to the flight of the Indiana regiment at the battle of Buena Vista, says—"While the day, by this disgraceful panic, was fast going against us, the artillery advanced, its front extended, and different sections and pieces under Sherman, Bragg, KILBURN, Thomas, Bryan, and Reynolds, were working such carnage in the ranks of the enemy, as to make his columns roll to and fro like ships upon the billows."

## Kilbourntown.

(*A part of Milwaukee, Wisconsin*)

[From the Milwaukee Sentinel—June 9, 1847.]

"Milwaukee has heretofore been but imperfectly appreciated by those who, transiently voyaging on the Great Lakes, have not found time to look over the city and note the rich and well improved country around it. If they would spend a day or two in exploring KILBOURNTOWN, they would find in it alone a miniature city, with facilities and prospects of expansion not surpassed by any western manufacturing town. With an abundant water power, now in use in almost every branch of manufacture that American industry and ingenuity can suggest, it combines the advantages of being the mart for a rich and fertile country, where the New York and Boston importer finds men to buy his merchandise, and where he can purchase in return almost any articles by wholesale that an eastern manufacturing town or agricultural depot can furnish."

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[On page 44 and 58 will be found notices of John Kilborn, and his sons John and Benjamin, who settled in the Valley of the Wyoming in 1774. In "The History of Wyoming," by the Hon. Charles Minor, published in Philadelphia in 1845, I find the following paragraphs in Col. Pickering's account of his "violent abduction" by the "Boys," as the settlers called their party, who had organized themselves for self-protection and for resistance to the militia which had been sent to dispossess them of the soil. Speaking of the guard who had him in charge, Col. P. says—"They passed through a thick wood to the house of one KILBORN, father to two of the party. There we lodged. The next morning they pushed back into the woods," &c. [pp. 425.] He adds—

"When arrived near to their head-quarters, they halted. One went to announce their arrival. Two or three came out, Gideon Dudley at their head—when he put to me the original question, "Will you intercede for Col. Franklin's pardon?" "I will answer no question till I am set at liberty," was my return. They conducted me into KILBORN's house."

"As soon as I had entered KILBORN's house, they brought me a razor and soap to shave, and a clean shirt and pair of stockings, and told me I was at liberty. They roasted me a chicken, and gave me as good a dinner as the poor wretches could furnish." pp. 427-28.

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[From the Cincinnati (O.) Gazette.]

"HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE."

"Under this heading the Springfield (Ohio) Republic, in noticing the fact we stated a few days ago, that Nathan Hale, editor of the Boston Daily Advertiser, twenty years ago set in motion that great railroad ball which has since rolled in Massachusetts and several other States to so great purpose, makes the following reference to a venerable and respected citizen of Ohio:

"The Gazette need not have traveled all the way to Boston to find a man who had far-seeing views of the Railroad system, greatly in advance of his cotemporaries. Earlier than the period named by the Gazette—before our State canal system had been adopted—that staunch old Whig, Col. JAMES KILBOURNE,

of Worthington, Franklin county, advocated, over his proper signature, in the State Journal, a Railroad scheme of improvement for the State of Ohio. "How immensely ahead of her present advanced position would our State have been, had our public men possessed the foresight to adopt and the means to prosecute the suggestions of Col. K."

### James Kilbourn—the "celebrated Albany Carpenter."

The Albany Atlas, referring to the Presidential Campaign of 1844, in the State of New York, says—"Mr. Van Buren spoke on this subject (the Tariff,) to the democrats of every town in Albany county, and repeatedly to the assembled democracy of the city. Mr. KILBOURNE occupied the same ground on this subject, devoting his entire time for a month previous to the contest, speaking almost daily to all classes, with a freedom that drew upon him the denunciation of the federal press as "a free-trade destructive," and with an eloquence and effectiveness that elicited the warmest admiration and applause of the thousands who heard him. Mr. Kilbourn is a mechanic of this city, a plain man, but with great natural powers of oratory, and an honesty, purity, and sincerity, calculated to win the confidence of all."

### ORDINATION OF REV. JAMES KILBOURN.

Mr. JAMES KILBOURN, late of Litchfield, and a Graduate of the Theological Seminary of Yale College, was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational church in Bridgewater, Conn., on the 21st inst. Introductory prayer by Rev. Mr. Hurd of Watertown; Sermon by Rev. Mr. Harrison of Bethlem; Ordaining Prayer by Rev. Parmelee, South Farms, Charge to the pastor by Rev. Mr. Hayes of Washington; Right Hand of Fellowship by Rev. Mr. Isham of Roxbury; Address to the People by Rev. Mr. Butterfield of South Britain, Concluding Prayer by Rev. Mr. Smith of Milton; Benediction by the Pastor. The parts were interesting and appropriate; the music such as did honor to the Choir; and the harmony and good feeling which have characterized the church and society in Bridgewater to secure to themselves the blessings of the gospel and its ordinances, lead us to anticipate the most happy results.

[Litchfield Enquirer—1844.]

### KILBURN MOUNTAIN, IN IRELAND.

In Harrop's 'History of the Irish Rebellion' I find the following, in the proceedings against the Rebels, in Dublin. September 1798—"William Fleming, of Taghmon, county of Wexford, being duly sworn by the Holy Evangelists, says, That he, this informant, was a yeoman in the Taghmon cavalry, and was taken prisoner by the rebels at KILBURN, near Taghmon aforesaid, on Thursday the 31st day of May last." \* \* \* "Informant further saith, That he was again taken prisoner by a body of the said rebels at KILBURN MOUNTAIN aforesaid."

FOR OREGON!—The brig Henry, Captain KILBURN, sailed from Newburyport for Oregon on the 23d ult, having on board the following passengers—Captain Kilburn's lady and 3 children; Capt. Swansey; Dr. G. W. Watson, lady and 1 child; Miss Hannah Peabody—all of Newburyport; Col. Wm. Lee of Troy, N. Y.; Charles K. Bishop of Sandy Hill, N. Y.; George C. Lawton, of



Waltham, Mass.; O. R. and J. N. Wood, of Roxboro', Mass.; James Patterson and John McKeen of Charlestown, Mass.

The Newburyport Herald states that some three or four hundred spectators gathered at the wharf to witness the brig's departure, and there were many moist eyes among those who took leave of their friends. A prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Campbell, and an address was made by the Rev. Dr. Dana. The vessel went down the river in good style, before a fine breeze. The people on the wharf gave them a parting salute of three cheers, which were responded to from the wharf.—Boston Atlas, May, 1846.

The family noted in the following communication, is the only one on this continent, of which I have any knowledge, whose genealogy could not be traced to George Kilburn, of Rowley, Mass., or Thomas Kilborne, whose family settled in Wethersfield, Conn. An close investigation would very possibly show that Isaac Kilburn, sen., instead of being 'an Englishman,' belonged to some loyal American family, and descended from George or Thomas, above named.

P. K. K.

*Kingsclear*, (Province of New Brunswick, June 21, 1846.

P. K. Kilbourn, Esq.: Dear Sir—Mr. L. Hustis, of this place, has put a letter into my hands addressed to him by you, and at his request I proceed to answer it. But first let me express my gratification that a person bearing my name has been found in other climes, and may I not presume to claim him as a *relative*, even though our kinship may not be traced?

I have often lamented that I knew so little respecting my ancestors: My grandfather was Isaac Kilburn; he was a soldier in the British Army, and was killed in the service at Texes, 76 or 77 years ago. Those who belonged to the same regiment with him, say that he was an Englishman, and an officer belonging to the magazine; he was killed by an accidental discharge of the same at Texes, leaving one child about 15 months old. His wife was a Dutch woman. In consequence of her sudden bereavement she became deranged—but, with her child, followed the regiment to which she belonged, until she reached St John's, in Nova Scotia, where she lived for some time. The child soon went to live with a very poor family named Prosser, where he had to endure many privations, and with whom he remained until he became of age. His name was Francis Kilburn. He had 11 children, all of whom are living. His sons are—

1. Robert, 42 years old; married Sarah Esty, and has 6 children; all residents of Kingsclear, York county, N. B.
2. Isaac, (the writer of this,) 35 years old; married Sarah F Snider, and has 4 children; residence as above.
3. William, 32 years old; married Jane Wagaman, and has 3 children; resides in Carlton county.
4. Benjamin, aged 28; m. Jane Esty, has 1 child; resides in York co.
5. Francis, 24 years old; m. Sarah McKeen; resides in Carlton county.
6. John, unmarried: resides on the homestead.

My father, Francis Kilburn, was a most exemplary and pious man, and died a few years since, sincerely lamented by all who knew him.

I have thus given you a brief sketch of all the Kilburns in this province, so far as we know. Indeed, we had never heard of the name out of our own family, until your communication was received. I can hardly conceive your object in collecting this information; yet I shall be glad to obtain a copy of the work:

Your humble servant,

ISAAC KILBURN.

[From the London Gentlemen's Magazine.—1834.]

### Sketch of William Kilburn, Esq., Artist.

In the Life of William Curtis, the Botanist, publish in the Gent. Mag. Aug. 1799, it is mentioned that "In 1772 he commenced his great work, the "*Flora Londinensis*," having the good fortune to meet with an artist of uncommon talent in Mr. KILBURN." I have seen no memoir of Mr. Kilburn, who has been dead many years; and when a man like him disappears from the world, by whose genius, talents or industry, the arts, sciences or manufactures have been improved, it may not be deemed uninteresting to rescue the incidents of his life from that oblivion in which those of the generality of mankind are buried.

WILLIAM KILBURN was born in Capel-street, Dublin, 1745. His father, Samuel Kelburn, was an architect of some eminence, and married Sarah Johnston, of Tyrone. His uncle, Rev. Ebenezer Kelburn, was a Presbyterian clergyman, and reared his only son, Sinclair Kelburn, to his profession. His son was afterwards a very eloquent and popular preacher, published a Treatise on Theology, and a volume of Sermons; but having unfortunately early imbibed republican principles he became a leader of the United Irishmen, and during the suspension of the habeas corpus Act in 1798, was arrested at Belfast by order of Government, conveyed to Dublin, and imprisoned in Kilmainham Gaol, where, from long confinement, he lost the use of his limbs, and died shortly after his liberation.

William Kilburn, the subject of this memoir, was also an only son, and very early exhibited his genius for drawing. This, and the wish to have him in the country, as his health appeared delicate, determined his parents to place him apprentice with Mr. John Lisson, an Englishman, who had established a calico printing factory at Leixslip, near Dublin. Here he quickly learned the different branches of that ingenious art, but attached himself to drawing and engraving—those being more congenial to the bent of his genius. Few lives are more marked than his with unceasing industry and application. During the summer he rose at four, and occupied his leisure hours in drawing patterns for paper stainers, which, with his master's leave, he sold; the produce gave him pocket money, and enabled him to purchase a pony, on which he rode to Dublin on Saturday, and passed every Sunday with his mother and sister. He had acquired an amazing readiness of pencil, so that if a new pattern caught his eye in passing through Dublin, he would take out his pocket book, and have it for his master on his return. He always spoke gratefully of the attention paid him by Mr. and Mrs. Lisson during his apprenticeship, at the expiration of which he found himself alone with his mother and sister. His father, who had speculated largely in building, became embarrassed in his circumstances, and died. Only a small property settled on his mother remained; this probably determined him to visit London, the great mart for genius. Here he obtained a ready sale for his drawings amongst the calico printers. He also drew and engraved flowers from nature (in which he ever delighted) for the print shops, and this led to his acquaintance with Mr. Curtis and concern in the *Flora Londinensis*. When he had entered into this engagement, he returned to Ireland and brought over his mother and sister—took a small house in Page's walk, Bermondsey, with a garden and greenhouse, and there occupied himself from sunrise to sunset in drawing and engraving the plants for that work which reflects so much credit on English science.

Soon after the completion of the *Flora Londinensis*, he received a proposal from Mr. Newton to undertake the management of a calico printing factory at Wallington, near London, for which he was to have a share of the profits, without advancing capital. To this he agreed, and they were so successful that at the end of seven years he was enabled to purchase the concern, and became sole proprietor. He now rose rapidly in wealth, and was soon the most eminent calico printer in England, having brought the art to a pitch of perfection never since equalled. He gave the highest wages to his workmen, some of whom came

from the continent, and gave annual premiums for the best designs. His pieces of muslin chintz sold for a guinea per yard, and he had the honor of presenting one of them, the sea-weed pattern designed by himself, to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth.

Finding that his patterns were pirated in Manchester, he applied for a Bill, which was brought into the House of Commons by his countryman and neighbor, the Right Hon. Edmund Burke, "to secure to calico printers the copyright of original designs."

Mr. Kilburn married a daughter of Thomas Brown, Esq., an East India Director, a most amiable woman, who survives him, and by whom he had several children. In the relative duties of son and brother, husband and father, his conduct was most exemplary, as a true believing Christian and moral man.— Though he had been a delicate child, he enjoyed excellent health until a few months before his death. On the 23d of December, 1818, he calmly resigned his soul to his Maker, in the 73d year of his age. The poor inhabitants of Wallington, by whom he was much lamented, followed him bareheaded to the grave.

Mr. Kilburn was above six feet in height, thin but well proportioned, and perfectly straight to the last. The pencil in his long fingers appeared scarcely to touch the paper when drawing, so much had he acquired of grace and freedom; the flowers he engraved about the time he became acquainted with Mr. Curtis, are now sought for by connoisseurs, being so true to nature.

### Rev. Sinclair Kelburn, A. B.

[Extracted from a more extended Biography contained in "The Christian's Family and Pocket Companion, a Volume of Sermons by the late Rev. Sinclair Kelburn, A. B., Minister of the Third Presbyterian Congregation, Belfast, Ireland"—published 1821.]

The Rev. Sinclair Kelburn was the son of Rev. Ebenezer Kelburn and Martha Sinclair relict of James Strahan, silk merchant, Dublin. He was born in 1754. He studied early in life in Trinity College, Dublin, and afterwards in the University of Edinburgh, where he also devoted much of his time to the science of Medicine, in which he afterwards obtained considerable reputation. After going through the regular studies for the Presbyterian ministry, he returned to Dublin: from whence, in August 1779, he came to Belfast, and became assistant colleague to the Rev. William Laird, of the third congregation. Mr. Laird dying in December 1791, Mr. Kelburn succeeded him, and continued to have the sole charge until November 1799, when indisposition compelled him to resign the care of a congregation. strongly and affectionately attached to him, and which, for upwards of twenty-two years, he delighted and edified by a faithful discharge of his ministry.

In the burial ground at Castlereagh, about three miles from Belfast, a chaste and appropriate monument has been erected over his ashes, by his relict, containing the following inscription—

Here rest, in hope of a resurrection  
to Eternal Life, all that is earthly  
of the late Rev. SINCLARE KELBURN, who,  
for 22 years, with much propriety and  
utility, sustained the character of Dissenting Minister  
of the 3d Congregation, Belfast.

Obit. 31st March, 1802, aged 42 years.

Several persons were found frozen to death during the severe snow storm in the winter of 1796—among others, one John Kilburn. He was found on the Great North Road between Stilton and Wansford, Dec. 24, 1796. The following obituary notice soon after appeared—

DIED—At a public house at Water-Newton, Huntingdon county, [England.] JOHN KILBURN, a person well known to many gentlemen of the turf as a list-seller and attendant upon the stables at most of the races in the kingdom. He had undergone various vicissitudes in life; had been a horse dealer of some eminence, and in that line traveled into France and other foreign parts. Returning to England poor, he entered into several militias, and was at one time a Serjeant in the Huntingdonshire; but his predilection for horses and the turf occasioned him to quit that situation. At a town in Bedfordshire, some years ago, he was, according to the turf-phrase, quite broken down. It was in harvest time, the week before Richmond races, near which place he was born, and to reach there in time he hit upon the following expedient: He applied to a black smith of his acquaintance to stamp upon a padlock the words 'Richmond Gaol,' which, with a chain, was fixed to one of his legs, and he composedly went into a cornfield to sleep. As he expected, he was soon apprehended and taken before a magistrate, who, after some deliberation, ordered two constables to guard him in a carriage to Richmond, no time being to be lost, Kilburn saying he had not been tried, and hoping they would not let him lay till another assize. The constables, on their arrival at the gaol, accosted the keeper with, "Sir, do you know this man?" "Yes, very well—it's Kilburn; I have known him many years." "We suppose he has broke out of your gaol, as he bears your mark: is he not a prisoner?" "A prisoner! I never heard any harm of him in my life." "Nor," says Kilburn, "have these men, sir; they have been so good as to bring me home out of Bedfordshire, and I will not give them any farther trouble; I have got the key of the padlock, and will not trouble them to unlock it. I thank them for their good usage." The distance he thus traveled was 170 miles.  
*London Gent. Mag.* Vol. xxxvi. pt. 1st, p. 444, 5.

Extract of a letter from Dr. Reuben Smith to the late Gov. Oliver Wolcott dated at Litchfield, Conn., May 12th, 1777.

"The infamous Daniel Griswold came into the western part of this town, the morning before the (Danbury) alarm, and was there concealed till Monday, and took off to join the ministerial army, David Kilborn, Benjamin Kilborn's son Charles, Isaac Kilborn's son Abraham, and Samuel Kilborn son to Giles Kilborn, Jonathan Smith, jr. and his brother Elisha, (who was enlisted in the light horse,) David Joy, Ephraim Bates, Benjamin Doolittle, Josiah Stone, and John Davies' youngest son David, and one John Beach of Woodbury who lived at Josiah Stone's.

The Wednesday following they were taken; (except Benjamin Doolittle and Charles Kilborn, who it is said were killed in attempting to escape,) and were carried to Derby, where they were tried by a court martial, and Griswold was sentenced to be hanged; which sentence was executed the Monday following at New Haven. The rest were pardoned, upon their enlisting into the Continental Army during the War."

NOTE.—Charles Kilborn and B. Doolittle did escape; the latter married Hannah, daughter of Solomon Kilborn, and still lives; for notice of C. K. see p. 81. Samuel Kilborn was killed while in the continental army, 1781.

[From the Rutland Vt. Herald.—Feb. 20, 1842.]

## Great Diving in Wells Pond.

MR. TRUMAN KILBORN, a. of Middletown, while cutting a hole in the ice on Wells Pond, dropped his axe through the hole where the water was 16 1-2 feet deep. He threw off his clothes, dove through the hole where he lost his axe, went to the bottom, got his axe, and threw it upon the ice. This was done last week.

a. Son of Abraham. See page 90.

## Col. JOHN KILBORN.

Extract of a communication from WILLIAM BUELL, Esq., editor of the Brockville Recorder, [Canada,] dated June 10, 1847.

JOHN KILBORN, Esquire, about whom you inquire, received a commission during the war of 1812, as Ensign in a Provincial Regiment entitled the 'Incorporated Militia,' and was afterwards present at the Battle of Lundy's Lane, when getting separated from the main body of the army, he was made prisoner, and was for some time at a depot for prisoners at Pittsfield, Mass. After the close of the war, he went into mercantile business. He married Elizabeth Baldwin, whose father and family came also from Litchfield. In 1824 he offered himself as a candidate to represent the county of Leeds in our Parliament, but was unsuccessful. In 1828, Mr. Kilborn and the writer of this were brought forward by a political organization as candidates for the representation of Leeds, the county then sending two members. Both were elected. We served two years, when the parliament was dissolved in consequence, as alledged, of the death of King George the Fourth, but as was generally believed, because the majority were liberal in their politics, the members from Leeds among them. At the next general election Mr. Kilborn declined being a candidate, and another of the same politics, together with the writer, was elected. Mr K. has not since aspired to the situation; but recently, he has been nominated as candidate on the liberal interest for this county. (it now sending but one member,) and it is confidently believed that when another election comes round, he will be returned. Political parties in this county are, however, nearly balanced, and he may fail. At present Mr. Kilborn, as Lieutenant-Colonel of Militia, commands a Regiment, and is one of the presiding Magistrates for this county. He is engaged in the mercantile business and lumber trade. His residence is about 34 miles in the interior, at a village called Newborough. It has a post office, and a mail twice a week.

John Kilborn, Esq. noticed above, is a son of Mr. David K. formerly of Litchfield. By the following, which is from the Brockville Recorder of Oct. 7, 1847, it will be seen with regret that he has withdrawn his name as a candidate for parliament—

### TO THE ELECTORS OF LEEDS.

*Gentlemen*—In the month of February, and during the late session of the United Parliament, a requisition was presented me by many respectable Electors, requesting me to stand as a candidate for the representation of this county—it being confidently expected that a Writ of Election would immediately be issued.

Fully impressed with this belief myself, after some hesitation, I complied with the urgent request of my friends, and subsequently addressed the Electors to that effect.

That session is now closed without the looked for Writ, and another yet to come, will in all probability be got through with as the late one. We have therefore no sufficient reason to expect this county will be called on, until the General Election in 1848. For these and other reasons, I have deemed it my duty thus early to apprise my friends and the Electors generally, of my determination to decline the honor they desired to confer on me.

My grateful thanks I cheerfully tender, not only to particular friends, but to the Electors of all shades of politics, who have cheerfully and cordially tendered me their support, and in many instances beyond my expectations.

In conclusion I would observe, that I consented to my nomination at the time, only in consideration of the emergency in which the county seemed placed.—That crisis having passed. I trust the step I now take will not be disapproved of by the Electors, more especially when they are aware that my consent was given under the circumstances above alluded to—but at the same time much against my own feelings and interests.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient and faithful servant,

JOHN KILBORN.

Newborough, (Canada,) September, 1847.

From the Boston Transcript—Oct. 9, 1847.

**THE OREGON EXPEDITION.**—The Brig Henry, Capt. KILBURN, which left Newburyport on the 23d of February, 1846, for Oregon, arrived at its destination, Oregon city, in March last, safely, and all on board well. The brig had 231 days' passage to the Sandwich Islands, where she lay three months to re-fit. Several of her passengers remained there. From the Islands, 17 days' sailing brought her to Columbia bar. Here she met with a gale which lasted 8 days, and by which she was driven to Vancouver's Island: she then put into Near Bay, where she lay one week, and from thence proceeded 60 miles to Fort Victoria, one of the stations of the Hudson's Bay Co, for provisions. Remaining there a few days, the brig re-commenced her voyage, and entered the mouth of Columbia river early in March. Our correspondent states that Oregon city contains two churches, two hotels, two flour & two saw mills, & a printing office

[Letters from JAMES SAVAGE, LL. D., Boston, Mass.]

Boston, 25 October 1845.

*Payne Kenyon Kilbourn, Esq —*

Dear Sir—I have great pleasure in receiving and answering such questions as your favor of the 20th inst. received a few days since, furnishes.

Of the spelling of very few names, two hundred years ago, can we form any decided opinion. The same man wrote his own in different ways. Now for this particular, you may observe the volume of the Custom House at London 1635, uses this liberty or carelessness to a great degree. See an example, p. 269, your Governor Winthrop and his wife and brother, and there are above a dozen similar.

If your progenitor came from *Wales*, he had probably lived not very distant from London for some years, as his wife and five children are in the same ship. From *Wales*, passengers would have found nearer ports of embarkation—as Bristol, Barnstable, or Plymouth.

Your Weathersfield was chiefly settled from our Dorchester, and perhaps Ebenezer Clapp, Jr, of that town, might give some account of the Kilbourns before their removal.

George, who is, by Farmer, in his invaluable Register, called "of Rowley," did not, it appears, come over with Thomas. Most of the Rowley people came later than 1635, yet some portion of them moved in from Ipswich or Newbury. Is it known whether George was a brother of Thomas? If a brother, older or younger? There is a History of Rowley by Gage. Large additions by Farmer are said to belong to the New Hampshire Historical Society.

Your obedient,

JAMES SAVAGE.

Boston, 13 April, 1846.

Dear Sir—I confidently infer, from the precision displayed in all parts of your letter of 20th October last, answered by me on the 25th, that you will be pleased to know that one of your inquiries, the spelling of the name as contained in my published list, may now receive more exact reply than was then in my power to furnish.

An exact collation of the original MS. volume at Westminster Hall (so far as my transcript extended,) was last month sent out by the learned keeper of the records in the Augmentation Office; and the result for that crowded page (261) is, that *every* Arabic numeral is correct; that only four names are erroneously copied, two to the extent of a single letter, one for two, and one for three. For your name there is no error—that is, I copied the fault of the original, if any.

You may inform any gentleman of your acquaintance, who cares enough about such trifles, that I am preparing a new edition of *Farmer*, with large additions and corrections. I shall expect from you, as large an account as you can give me of the children of Thomas Kilborne, especially of Sergt. John—who did each marry, and with what happy increase, &c.

I assume that you are adept at reading *Farmer's Genealogical Register*, the most extraordinary book that can be shown in this or any other country; and will not lament the correction of a few hundred errors, or the addition of a few thousand names. My edition of this work makes George Kilburn at Roxbury in 1638—two years before he was admitted a freeman at Rowley.

Will you pardon what may seem an impertinent question—Whence comes your middle name? I have never heard it before on this side of the ocean.

Can you advise me on whom to call for similar aid to that you will supply, in the following towns of your State—Branford, Guilford, Middletown, Norwich, Norwalk, Fairfield, Stamford, Stratford, and Saybrook? For most of the other early towns I know where to look for adequate intelligence, and feel strong confidence in the kind disposition of many, relying, dear sir, equally on your power and readiness to favor

Your very obedient

JAMES SAVAGE.

Payne Kenyon Kilbourne, Esquire.

Boston, 8 June, 1846.

Payne Kenyon Kilbourne, Esquire—

Dear Sir—Your attention in forwarding me four sheets of the Kilbourn Family Memorial, and subsequently the Litchfield Enquirer with an additional sheet of the Memorial, was very gratefully felt.

I. You are certainly right in desiring to learn of the William Kilborne, whom you are by the Herald's College certified of, as belonging to Louth, in Lincolnshire, who died in 1660, aged 70, because it may turn out that he was a younger brother of our Thomas, who in 1635 was aged 55. As your certificate shows that William married Sarah daughter of Edward Wardall of Alford, and by her had estate to add to his own—Alford being distant from Louth only about 15 miles—it is desirable first know whether Thomas and William had one father; next, if so, to what place he belonged. I conjecture that it would be Lincolnshire, because, in the days before King James, when trade made wonderful advance, families removed very seldom farther than from one parish to an adjoining one in a whole generation. In the small towns, like Louth and Alford, they might be less

rooted in the soil than in a wholly agricultural parish. Alford, you may recollect, was the place whence our Gov. Hutchinson says his progenitor, William, husband of Ann the prophetess, came.

I am refreshed at finding, for once, a tradition or family record below or within the truth, when the common tendency is so strong to run above or beyond it. I refer to the record taken from the family bible at Lanesboro', which Deac. Jeremiah Kilbourn of Groton sends you.

II. Most sincerely do I thank you for the nomination of gentlemen most able in several towns of the earliest settlement to furnish me with assistance in the details.

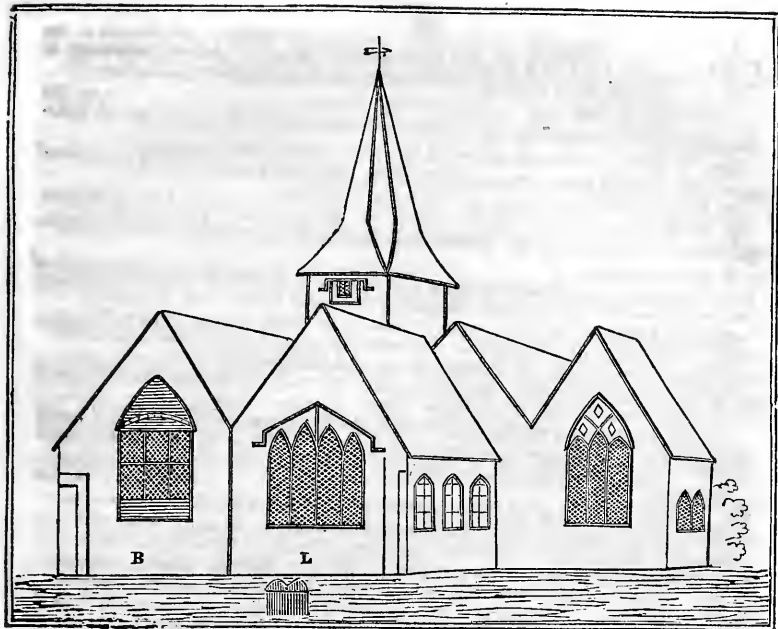
III. It was not impertinent curiosity that led me to inquire for the derivation of your middle name, [Kenyon.] Knowing the noble holder that first gave it celebrity in England, to have been successor, as Chief Judge of the King's Bench, to the great Lord Mansfield, and superior even to him in some branches of the law, I was curious, on meeting, in my visit four years ago to London, with one of the most true-hearted gentlemen with the name of Kenyon, to learn if any connexion on our side of the water might be traced to my friend—a man of letters and property, no wise related to the lawyer and peer. To pass a joke on him about his yankee cousins would be agreeable, but nothing farther was intended. I fear the Welsh name—Kenyon—can hardly come into my Genealogical Register.

IV. As you have, on p. 12, given the list of passengers in the Increase, companions of your progenitors, it may be agreeable to you to make it perfect by the corrections supplied by good Mr. Hunter's collation of the original last February. Baron should be *Bacon*; Jestlin, *Jostlin*; Cordie, *Owdie*; Grosse, *Crosse*; Warden, *Worden*. The ages of William Rusco 41 not 51, and the child Samuel 5 not 6; Sparks 22; Taylor 24. The error of omitting the Blodget (Blodget) family is solely yours. So much for the company in the good ship Increase, which may seem trifling to you, but not so to me.

With high regard, yours,

JAMES SAVAGE.





### **CODEHAM CHURCH,**

*Erected during the time of William the Conqueror A. D. 1066. Annexed to the  
Priory of Kilbourn, A. D. 1371.*

*Standing in 1804. Kent county, England.*

"I am indebted to one of the Assistant Librarians of the British Museum for the following—

#### **DOMESDAY BOOK.**

*Codeham Church, A. D. 1066.*—Given by William the Conqueror to Odo, Bishop of Baieau, of whom it was held by Gilbert MaE inot.

20 William I.—Gilbert Maminot held it as two knight's fees, (1) parcel of the barony of Maminot, and held of the king, in capite (2) by barony.

1192 3 Richard I.—Came to Geoffry de Say by marriage.

40th year of Edward III.—Royal License upon the appropriation of the church of Codeham to Thomas de Walton clerk, and William Topcliff, that they may be authorized to give to the prioress and convent of KILBORNE, one acre of land with its appurtenances in Codeham, together with the advowson of the church in that town, which they hold, as it is said of us, 'in capite.'

(1) Knight's fees. Divisions of land by William the Conqueror—each fee being what would maintain one knight. By statute of Edward II, persons having an income of 20*l.* a year were obliged to take this order of knighthood.

2. 'In capite.' Tenure, in capite, was a holding of the title or dignity directly from the king, without subordination in tenure to any other lord.

In the manuscript, Gilbert Maminot, a Norman, one of the Conqueror's assistants, received a barony of him 'in capite,' of which barony this Kilbourn and Codeham property was accounted of the value of two knight's fees,

A. D. 1371. June 20.—The Bishop of Rochester appropriated this church to the Priory of KILBOURN, a competent portion to the Vicar, and also to the Bishop, & to the church and archbishop of Rochester due and accustomed rights, &c.

Confirmed on the 27th of the same month, saving the monastery's right to 221 acres in Apulderfie'd : which 10s. continued to be paid by the Prioress of KILBOURN to the Bishop of Rochester.

1377 50 Edward III.—License to grant to the prioress of KILBOURN one acre of land with the advowson, said to be held of the King. in capite.

Richard II.—To sir W. Heron by marriage, with a tenement called North Barden.

De Priorissa de KYLBURNE pro Ecclesia de Codeham Xs. ad Festum Michaelis. Fol. 62.

From [or concerning] the Prioress and Convent of KYLBURNE the church of Codeham, diocese of Rochester, for their maintenance [of the allotted ceremony] on the feast of St. Michael aforesaid, 10s. Folio 136.

Appropriation of the Codeham ch., folio 133, to the nuns or monastics of KILBOURNE.

1404 6 Henry IV.—Allotted to Roger de Fines by marriage.

In the Codeham church is a memorial of the burial of Walleys about 150 years since, [A. D. 1500]—KILBURNE'S Kent, 1651.

27th Henry VIII.—Came to the crown at the suppression of KILBOURN ; and soon after the advowson was granted to George Brooke, Lord Cobham, to hold from the King in capite by the 40th part of one knight's fee.

Edward VI.—July 20, advowson of the vicarage granted to sir Anthony St. Leger. Roger Revel held it. Elizabeth ; Gregory Fynes 13 Elizabeth.

1671 13 Elizabeth—Came to Sampson Lennard by marriage.

James I.—Again vested in the Crown.

1707 Came to Thomas Streetsfield, in which family it now remains, 1804.

### ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

In relation to the marriage of Frances Kilborne to Thomas A. Foot, [p. 13,] I have received the following note from Nathaniel Goodwin, Esq., to whom I am indebted for several important facts.

"I have been very much bothered with the marriage of Frances Kilbourn, a daughter of your ancestor, with Thomas A. Foote, as you have it on your book, and which I believe I gave to you. Not finding a son of such a name among the children of Nathaniel Foote, the settler, I was led to read and re-read the Wethersfield records in reference to the subject, and finally came to the conclusion that it was not Thomas A. Foote, but Thomas Uffoote, also one of the first settlers of Wethersfield, but afterwards of Fairfield county. The Fairfield county records establish the truth of this conjecture. Being in that county a few months ago, I found on the probate

records the settlement and distribution of the estates of Thomas and Frances Uffote, by which it appears that they died childless, and their estate was distributed to "John Kilbourn, of Wethersfield, brother of the deceased; Margaret Law, wife of Richard Law of Stamford, Lydia Howard wife of Robert Howard of Windsor, and Mary Root wife of John Root of Farmington, sisters of the deceased." "John Kilbourn was allowed 5 pounds out of the estate before distribution, to pay him for his pains in coming down from Wethersfield to settle the estate."

**SARAH**, the 2d wife of Serjt. John Kilbourn of Wethersfield, was a daughter of John Brownson, one of the original settlers of Farmington.

James Kilborn, [p. 53.] was a quarter master and lieutenant of artillery in the *British* instead of the American army.

Appleton Kilborn, [p. 53.] had *three* daughters—Clarissa m. Heman Beach, Orilla m. Lovell Beach; and Sarah, unm.

*Children of Asa K. of Colchester.*—Eliphaz, b. in Colchester Nov. 1758; m. Polly McKay in Orange co., N. Y. in 1788: removed to Albany county, in 1800, where he died (in Rensselaerville,) in 1841; he was a revolutionary pensioner. Arona, married Sarah Stone, and settled at Fort Stanwix, N. Y. Sarenus, married Lydia Sage, of Shaftsbury, and removed to Fort Stanwix, and died there. John and Wentwith died young.

Add Naomi to the list of the children of Ebenezer, sr. p. 32.

p. 64. Happy Kilborn married Gen. Levi Lusk—not Rusk.

Joshua Kilborn, jr., [see page 79,] a tanner and shoemaker, settled in Farmington street in 1807. He was a very pious man, and said the ownership of so much property—old house, shop and tan-works, all probably not worth \$500—made him worldly-minded; and he sold out in 1810, and removed to West Avon. I believe he had no children, though he married. —[MS. of Rev. W. S. Porter, Farmington.

There was an Abraham Kilborn in Killingworth in 1730—probably the same who settled in Litchfield about that time.

A Joseph Kilborn removed from Farmington to Wethersfield in 1772. Who was he?

p. 112, line 24 from top. For Caleb read Calvin.

### Sketch of Austin Kilbourn, Esq.

Condensed from a more extended notice prepared by an intelligent legal gentleman of Hartford.

Austin Kilbourn, son of Joseph Kilbourn Esq., and Hannah Sellew his wife, was born in Glastenbury, Conn., A. D. 1794. The said Hannah Sellew was a descendant of Hannah Hamellin, daughter of James Hamellin and grand-daughter of Thomas Hamellin a commander in the sea service, who died in New England, who was the fourth son of Sir George Hamellin, co-heir of the Hon. George Hamellin, third son of James sixth Earl of Abercorn, lineally descended from James Hamellin, second Earl of Arran in the kingdom of Scotland, and duke of Chateaubault in France, who was great grandson of King James II.

August 10, 1810, he removed to the city of Hartford, and obtained a clerkship in the counting-house of Messrs. Daniel Bunce, jr., & Co., merchants, where he remained until the dissolution of the firm by the death of Mr. Bunce in 1814.

March 15, 1815, he applied for and obtained a clerkship in the Phoenix Bank, which had gone into operation a few months before. He commenced as youngest clerk; was soon appointed discount clerk, and subsequently First Teller.

On the 20th of June, 1821, he was transferred to the Litchfield Branch Bank, for the purpose of adjusting the books of said Bank, when it was found that James Butler, the cashier, was a defaulter, and consequently he was forthwith removed from office. Mr. Kilbourn was appointed Cashier, pro. tem; and at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors in the September following, he was elected Cashier, the late Hon. Benjamin Tallmadge being President. Mr. Kilbourn continued to hold the office from year to year, until August 31st, 1826, when he returned to Hartford. While at Litchfield he attended a regular course of law lectures at the celebrated Law School in that place, then under the administration of the late Hon. Judge Gould.

In Hartford, he commenced the Hardware business under the firm of "Kilbourn & Co." on the south corner of Main and Asylum streets, where he continued until 1840. He is still engaged in the same business in North Main st. in the city. For ten years he was Recording Secretary of the Hartford County Agricultural Society, and in 1844 he compiled and published a valuable "Treatise on Agriculture;" the "Bye-Laws of the Hartford Co. Agricultural Society;" "Rienzy," &c.

In 1847, July 8, he was duly commissioned and sworn a Notary Public. by Gov. Bissell.

JOHN, (sergeant,) was a deputy to the general court from Wethersfield, once in 1660, twice in 1661, and once in 1662.

LEWIS, [son of Whitman,] b. in Litchfield, May 31, 1806 ; removed to Akron, Ohio, in 1832, where he still resides. He married Eliza McEwen, and has a family.

From the Cincinnati Christian Advocate.

“Died—At his residence in Granville, Ohio, Nov. 22, 1841. HEZEKIAH KILBOURN, Esq. He was born in East Hartford, Conn., October 27, 1790. Having in early life received an education every way competent to qualify its possessor to occupy a high position in mercantile life, for which he was in after years so eminently and extensively known—at the age of sixteen he commenced his business career as clerk in a large eastern establishment. Very soon he obtained a high character in his profession, as a young man of accuracy, promptitude, and fidelity. His great and growing reputation prepared him for another and most important department of life. At this period, he engaged to fill an important office of trust in a foreign land ; and through storm and peril, the providence of God conducted him safely to his destined haven. In Rio de Janeiro, whither the duties of his station called him, ten of his prime and better years were spent. On his return to the United States in 1816, he settled in Delaware, Ohio, and for six years, with his usual ardor and integrity as a merchant and a citizen, won to himself a large share of public patronage and esteem. In 1822, he closed his business at Delaware, and the next two years were spent in Canandaigua, N. Y., after which he removed to Granville, from which place he never more removed until carried to the tomb. On Sunday, November 21st, he arose as well as usual, and was in his seat at church. At 10 P. M., while seated in his chair, he was struck with a paralysis—his left side became numb and apparently lifeless. Medical aid was procured, but to no use. When God calls, man must obey. By 5 o'clock on the following morning he quietly fell asleep, to wake no more until the morning of the resurrection.”

Samuel Kilbourn, a revolutionary pensioner, died at Chatham, Conn., Nov. 15, 1834. There was also recently a John Kilburn at Chicago—a Samuel Kilburne in Baltimore—and a Uriah Kilbourn in Philadelphia. I have obtained no information respecting either

## Descendants of Thomas Kilbourn,

*Professional Men, Magistrates, Noted Characters, Legislators, etc.,  
by the name of KILBOURN*

- JOHN KILBOURN**, born in England in 1625; came to this country with his parents in 1635, and settled in Wethersfield, Conn., previous to 1640. He was elected a Deputy to the General Court four times, commencing with 1660. He was a commissioner for running the boundary line between Wethersfield and the "Indian country of Mattibossett;" also between Wethersfield and Hartford, in 1655. He was frequently a Grand Juror, Selectman, &c. Died in 1703.
- HEZEKIAH, A. M.**, b. in Wethersfield, 1700. Graduated at Yale College in 1720—in the same class with the elder President Edwards. Died in his native town.
- PELATIAH, A. B.**, born in Wethersfield in 1704. Graduated at Yale College in 1724. Died in his native town.
- ABRAHAM, b.** in Glastenbury 1691; he was a Deputy to the General Court in 1721, 1730, and 1756. Died in Glastenbury 1770.
- JOSEPH**, Captain, b. in Wethersfield in 1700, removed to Litchfield in 1721, and was a Deputy to the General Court from that town in 1752 and 1753.
- JOHN, b.** in Guilford, Conn., in 1704; was the first settler in Walpole, N. H., in 1749; the famous Indian fighter—see p. 38. Died in 1789.
- JAMES**, Colonel, b. in New Britain, Conn., in 1770; emigrated to Worthington, Ohio in 1804; U. S. Surveyor of Public Lands in the North Western Territory; Trustee of Ohio College; Commissioner to locate Miami University; President of the Board of Trustees of Worthington College; Commissioner to settle the boundary between the public lands and the great Virginia Reservation; Member of the Ohio Legislature; Member of Congress, &c., &c.
- JONATHAN**, born in Glastenbury 1706; settled in Colchester, and was a Deputy to the General Court from that town at eight sessions, beginning with 1750; and a magistrate for many years. He was also a celebrated inventor. Died in 1785.
- JAMES**, Lieutenant and Quarter Master in the British army in the revolution. Born at Litchfield 1750; died at Kitley, Canada, 1820.
- EBENEZER**, born at Hebron 1744; was a Captain in the revolutionary army, and a Deacon in the Congregational church. Died at Gilsun, N. H., 1810.
- JOHN, b.** in Clermont, N. H., 1772; removed to Niagara District, Canada, in 1820, where he died in 1843. He was a Captain and Justice of the Peace.
- DAVID, b.** in Colchester 1744; was a Deacon, Captain, & Magistrate. Died 1812.
- JOSIAH, b.** in New Britain 1756; a captain in the revolutionary army; was at the battles of Monmouth, White Plains, Harlaem Heights, &c. Died 1786.
- CHARLES, b.** at Litchfield 1758; lieutenant colonel in the British service during the war of 1812; Magistrate and Judge in Canada. Died in 1834.
- JOSEPH, b.** in Litchfield 1771; removed to Canada—was Military Surveyor and Draftsman in the British service, with the rank and pay of captain in the regular army. Died at the army's headquarters at Kingston, 1814.

- MES, b. in Litchfield 1816 ; graduated at Yale Theological Seminary, now pastor congregational church in Bridgewater, Conn.
- JOSEPH-HENRY, b. in Canada 1809 ; was a captain in the "Patriot War" on the liberal side ; afterwards settled in Michigan, and was appointed postmaster at Sanford in 1842, and was elected a member of the Michigan Legislature in 1847.
- MYRON, *A. M.*, b. in Litchfield 1801 : graduated at Hamilton College in 1824 ; now resides in Iowa.
- ALEXANDER, b. at Caldwell's Manor, 1791 ; lieutenant-colonel, commander of the "Queen's Loyal Volunteers" in the Patriot War Canada. Now resides at Staustead.
- JOHN, (of Newborough, Canada,) lieutenant-colonel ; member of the provincial parliament ; magistrate
- ASHBEL, b. in Goshen, Conn. ; magistrate, deacon, &c., at Hudson, Ohio.
- JAMES, *M. D.*, b. at Worthington, Ohio, 1815 ; graduated at the medical department of Worthington College, and was appointed Professor in the Medical College at Cincinnati in 1844. Died in 1845.
- HECTOR, born in Simsbury, Conn. 1791 ; settled at Sandusky city, Ohio ; was colonel, magistrate, and postmaster. Died 1838.
- JOHN, *A. M.*, b. Tunbridge, Vt. 1789 ; graduated at the Vermont University 1810 ; author of the Ohio Gazeteer, Vermont Gazeteer, &c.
- HENRY, b. East Hartford ; member of the Connecticut Legislature from Hartford ; Comptroller of Connecticut from 1838 to 1841.
- AUSTIN, b. Glastenbury 1794 ; cashier of the Phoenix Branch Bank, Litchfield ; Notary Public.
- JOHN-HENRY, b. 1785. resided for many years in Bristol, U. C., where he was elected a magistrate, and member of the Municipal Council
- ROWLEY, b. in 1800—now one of the Presiding Justices of Niagara District, Canada.
- DAVID, b. in Colchester 1770—he was the first post master and first town clerk of Marlboro', Conn. Died at Pittsfield, Mass., 1845.
- JESSE, b. in Litchfield 1778—settled at Cazenovia, N. Y., and was many years post master, and member of the N. Y. legislature. Died 1842
- TRUMAN, b. in Litchfield 1780—settled in Burlington, N. Y., where he was a magistrate, supervisor and town clerk. Resides at Lockport.
- SAMUEL, b. at Litchfield 1784—settled at Lisle, N. Y.—has been a magistrate and supervisor. Resides at Ogden, N. Y.
- JOHN-MORRANVILLE, b. in Tioga co. Pa., 1816—has been a Justice of the Peace, Supervisor, and Director of Common Schools, in Potter county, in the same State.
- JOSIAH, b. at Walpole, N. H.—was a member of the New Hampshire Legislature from Lytleton in 1843 and '44.

**CHARLES, A. M.**, b. in Herkimer county, N. Y.—graduated at Hamilton college 1833—an attorney and counselor at law at Vernon, N. Y., late Master in Chancery, &c.

**TRUMAN**, b. in Litchfield 1790—a magistrate and deacon.

**ALFRED**, a magistrate in East Hartford 1842, &c.

**HOMER**, a magistrate in Litchfield 1846.

**ERASTUS**, now postmaster at Newington, in Wethersfield, owns and lives on land which has been possession of the Kilbourns in regular succession from the Indian title, a period of nearly 170 years.

**JOSIAH, A. M.**, b. at Hebron 1752—graduated at Dartmouth College 1778—installed pastor of the congregational church in Chesterfield, Ms.

**AMAZA**, b. Colchester, was a Captain in the last war with Great Britain, and fell in command at Black Rock.

**ALFORD**, b. in Colchester—was a lieutenant in the same war—and afterwards a magistrate at Catteraugus, N. Y., where he died, aged 25.

**CHARLES L.**, b. Lawrenceville, Pa., graduated at West Point 1841, and is now a First Lieutenant of Artillery in our army in Mexico.

**DAVID H.**, b. Marlborough, Conn., 1803—settled in Lee county, Iowa, where he has been a magistrate, post master, and a candidate for the territorial Senate.

**JONATHAN**, b. Clinton, Conn.—settled in Middletown; has been a member of the common council of that city; and in 1846 was chosen a State Bank Director by the legislature.

**JOHN**, b. in Morristown, N. J.; removed to Colchester, Conn., and was a Deputy from thence to the General Court in 1754 and 1756; afterwards settled in Surry, N. H., and in the French War was a Lieutenant under Sir William Johnson, and at the battle of Lake George headed a party of rangers in connexion with the celebrated Mohawk chief, Hendrick, —in the fight Hendrick was killed by his side, and himself severely wounded. Died in Clermont, N. H., in 1776.

**RALPH-LEE**, b. in Lawrenceville, Pa., 1810; now a resident of Upper California, where he is the proprietor of 6,000 acres of land.

**WELLS**, of Lawrenceville, Pa., inventor of the corn-planter, &c. one of the Burgesses of the borough, and a member of the Council.

**LEMUEL-JUDSON**, a noted inventor; see page 88.

**JOSIAH**, born at Glastenbury, Conn. 1706; was the first settler of the town of Gilsum, N. H.,—his granddaughter being the first white child born within its limits.

**ABRAHAM**, b. in Wethersfield in 1703; he was a Deputy to the General Court from Litchfield at four sessions commencing with 1769. Died in Litchfield in 1776.

**DAVID**, b. at Gilsum, N. H.; has been a methodist preacher for nearly forty years—and a presiding elder for seventeen years. He now resides in Barre, Mass.



IRA, Colonel, b. in Colchester, 1772; Commissioner and Treasurer of Tioga co., Pa.; Magistrate, Post Master, Auditor of Public Accounts, Judge of the Common Pleas for 26 years.

BYRON, b. in Granby, Conn., in 1801; Resident, Superintending and Locating Engineer of the State of Ohio; U. S. Surveyor for Wisconsin; candidate for Congress: Member of the Wisconsin House of Delegates.

## IMPORTANT LETTER FROM JAMES SAVAGE, LL. D.

[Dated at Boston, November 26, 1847.]

While just upon the point of closing this volume, a communication from Dr. Savage came to hand, which is deserving of special notice—particularly the following extract :

“Early this year I received, from the London State Paper office, transcripts from vols. 372 and 375 of returns to the Privy council from Ipswich of passengers in two ships—the Elizabeth and the Frances—bound for New England, April 1634, and from Southampton of passengers in the ship Bevis, bound &c., May 1638. Of course you know, that ships from Ipswich would bring Suffolk passengers—not Devonshire, any more than Norwegians. I throw this in, because one of your correspondents, giving an extract from a family bible, says—“Two brother came over from Devonshire,” &c. I have furnished you authentic accounts of THOMAS aged 55, with wife FRANCIS 50, and five children between 10 and 23 years old, who came from London in 1635. From the only son then mentioned you derive descent. But here is the curiosity. My office copy of passengers in the Elizabeth of Ipswich from Ipswich, April 1634, has “*Thomas Kilborne* aged 24, and *Elizabeth* his wife, aged 20.” Conjecture as easily springs up here, as I ever recollect in any case—that this Thomas was eldest son of Thomas, and was sent away immediately on getting his wife, to look out in the new country proper fields for father, mother, brother and sisters next year. We know from Gov. Winthrop, that the two Ipswich ships had good passage, lost very few cattle and no passenger. If you, then, have any branches of a great family that you could not discover the origin of, here is chance.”

The questions at once arise—Was he a son of Thomas, of Wethersfield? and, Where are his descendants? The first of these can only be answered by strong conjecture. The fact that his name is spelt precisely the same, [*Kilborne*,] and that he was about two years older than the oldest child of Thomas on board the Increase, favor the conjectures of Dr. Savage on this point. If a son of the said Thomas, he left no posterity, or at least his family was extinct in 1683, as it appears by the record of the distribution of Frances Uffoote's estate—no such heirs being alluded to. see p. 130.

Jedediah Kilbourn Smith, member of congress from New Hampshire, Charles Kilborn Williams, LL. D., chief justice of Vermont, and Kilborn Harwood, of Barre, Mass., sheriff and candidate for the senate, descended from George Kilborn of Rowley. Kilborn Whitman, member of the Massachusetts senate and council, and John Kilbourn Shepard, member of the legislature of Connecticut, from Norfolk, 1847, descended from Thomas Kilbourn of Wethersfield.

Rev. Alanson Kilbourn, pastor of the free will Baptist ch. in Enosburg, Vt. 1839, and the Rev. Amos Kilburn, a Baptist clergyman in Virginia,—nothing further has been ascertained concerning them, nor is their genealogy known to the writer.

## Epitaphs.

### EAST HARTFORD BURYING-GROUND.

Inscription taken from a stone (now destroyed,) in the ancient burying ground and preserved by the late Doct. Brownell.

Here lyes ye Body of Thomas Kill-burn,  
Which soone to dust and Ashes will turn;  
His dust ye vile Wormes will profane it,  
But his grate soul ye earth could not contane it.—1712

Here was Buried the Body of Mrs Susannah Fitch, formerly ye widow of Mr. Thomas Kilbourn, and died ye wife of Nahaniel Fitch, February ye 11th, 1749 in ye 69th year of her age,

Thomas Kilborn [3d] died April 8, 1748, aged 42 years and 7 months

Mary, widow of Thomas Kilborn [3d] died Oct 31, 1761, aged 50.

Thankful, daughter of Thomas and Mary Kilborn, died Oct 13, 1740, aged 8 yrs.

[Mary and Susannah, daughters of Thomas, died each in her 6th year.]

George Spencer son of Jeremiah Kilbourn, a lad of great promise,

Rest here, my dear, till Jesus comes,  
To shake the earth, and rend the tombs,  
Then rise to heaven in glorious dress,  
Clothed in thy Saviour's righteousness.

### GLASTENBURY BURYING GROUND.

Here lieth the body of John Kilborn, who died Nov. 26, 1711, in his 60th year.

Here lieth the body of Mitchell, son of Mr Abraham and Sarah Kilborn, who died June 5th, 1716.

Sarah, wife of Mr Abraham Kilborn, who died Oct 5th 1719, aged about 32.

Abraham, ye son of Abraham and Sarah Kilborn, who died Sept 23, 1741, aged 25.

Mary Kilborn, wife of Mr Abraham Kilborn, died August 25th 1757.

In memory of Mr Abraham Kilborn, who died April ye 20, 1770, aged 79.

### Brief Notes

of some of the Descendants of THOMAS KILBOURN, through female lines.

**JONATHAN LAW**, born in Milford August 6, 1674; graduated at Harvard college in 1695. He was a judge of the supreme court for nine years, commencing with 1715; in 1725 he was chosen chief justice and lieutenant governor, which offices he held until 1741, when he was elected Governor. He died Nov. 6, 1750, and was succeeded by Roger Wolcott.

**RICHARD LAW**, LL. D., son of the preceding, was born in Milford, March 17, 1733, and graduated at Yale college in 1751. After a lucrative practice at the bar for several years, at New London, he was appointed a judge of the county court. In 1784 he was made judge of the supreme court, and in 1786, chief judge. In 1789, he was appointed by Washington district judge of the United States, and held the office until his death, January 26, 1806. For several years he was Mayor of the city of New London. His son, **LYMAN**, of New London, was a member of congress from Connecticut, from 1811 to 1817. **RICHARD**, a captain in the Navy, and afterwards collector of customs at the port of New London, was also his son.

**GEORGE HALL**, graduated at Yale college 1802; member of congress from the State of New York, from 1819 to 1821.

**REV. NATHANIEL COLVER**, a distinguished Baptist clergyman in Boston.

**ERASTUS H. CULVER**, an eloquent member of congress from Washington county, New York, in 1846 and 1847.

**SAMUEL A. FOOT**, graduated at Yale college, in 1797; was elected to congress in 1819, again in 1823, and again in 1833. In 1827, he was elected to the U. S. senate, where he faithfully served his constituents for six years. In 1834 he was chosen Governor of Connecticut. He died in 1846.

**NOTE.**—The Rev. Nathaniel Colver writes as follows, under date of Boston, Dec. 1, 1847—"The Nathaniel Culver and Ruth Kilborn, whose marriage you mention at Litchfield, May 9, 1734, were my grandfather and grandmother. The former died at Hubbardton, Vt., about 1809; the latter in 1811. They lived and died with Aunt Elizabeth, who married a Church. My father's name was Nathaniel; he and all his brothers and sisters are now dead—except his sister Abigail, who married a Shoot; she is a widow, and lives at Champlain, N. Y. The names of my grandfather's children were, Pamela, Thankful, Elizabeth, Ruth, David, Nathaniel, Charles, Diodatus, and Samuel. The Hon. E. D. Culver, of the State of New York, is my brother's son. I have little knowledge of my ancestors," &c.

Gov. Foot descends through the Law family.

[From the Charleston (S. C.) Courier—Dec. 24, 1847.]

### Lieut. Charles L. Kilburn, U. S. A.

"**LIEUT. KILBURN.**—This gentleman is now in our city, and all those who have read the history of our war in Mexico, and particularly that portion of it which relates to the field of Buena Vista, will be happy to recognize in him the gallant spirit who, with Gen. DAVIS, of the Mississippi Regiment, kept in check for four hours a column of seven thousand men, already flushed with victory, for they had turned our left flank. Such deeds as these so seldom occur, that those who enact them should receive their reward—the cheering welcome of their fellow citizens, whenever they appear among them. Lieut. KILBURN is passing through Charleston on his way to Pennsylvania, to visit his parents and at the same time to recruit his health, which has been seriously impaired. We take the liberty to give the public information of the fact, that he may be invited to partake of the hospitalities now being offered to his gallant comrades from the battle-field. He is to be found at Gen. Brisbane's, Logan street."

[From the Tioga County (Pa.) Eagle—February 9, 1848.]

### THE KILBURN DINNER.

THIS well-merited token of approbation, in honor of one of Tioga's gallant sons, Lieut. CHARLES L. KILBURN of the U. S. Army, came off on Wednesday evening last, at the Hotel of Col. J. Kimball, in this borough [Wellsboro.] At an early hour, a very large company assembled, composed principally of citizens of Wellsboro and vicinity—among whom we noticed many of our most eminent citizens. The company was organized by the appointment of R. G. WHITE, Esq., as President, and Gen. H. Williston and Sheriff Potter as Vice Presidents.

The company then partook of a sumptuous dinner, served up in Col. Kimball's best style, highly creditable to his taste and skill. The following Toasts were read and loudly cheered by the whole company. Each toast was followed by excellent music arranged for the occasion. During the evening eloquent and appropriate speeches were made by R. G. White, Esq., Lieut. Kilburn, Henry Sherwood, Hon. J. C. Knox, Judge Brewster, A. P. Cone, S. F. Wilson, and Julius Sherwood; the latter gentleman sang two appropriate songs, which were received with great applause. The whole affair passed off in the most satisfactory manner to all present, and the company separated at an early hour for their respective homes.

[From a list of some forty toasts, published in the Eagle, we select the following:]—P. K. K.

**REGULAR TOAST.**—13 —Lieut. CHARLES L. KILBURN—A gallant son of old Tioga: first in the deadly breach, and first in the hearts of his friends.

**Volunteer Toasts.**—By Judge Brewster—Our Guest, Lieut. KILBURN: May his future career be as successful as his past, and his friends be permitted to welcome him home again, after the strife of war shall cease.

By Col. J. Kimball—C. L. KILBURN, our Guest—To his memory and that of all the officers of the army; may their names be inscribed in letters of gold on the pages of history, and never to be obliterated.

## GEORGE KILBURN.

**GEORGE KILBURN**, was a member of the famous Rev. Mr. Elliot's church in Roxbury, Mass., as early as A. D. 1639; was admitted a freeman in Rowley in 1640; and in 1643, (according to a survey of the town made in that year,) a home lot was assigned to him on Bradford street. His wife's name was Elizabeth. A communication from the Hon. Charles K. Williams, under date of January 8, 1848, furnishes the following genealogical facts concerning his family.

[Children of George and Elizabeth Kilburn or Kilborn, of Rowley.]

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|------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| 1. MARY, born May 3, 1649    | } { | 4. SAMUEL, born Sept. 11, 1656.  |
| 2. JOSEPH, born Feb 1, 1652  |     | 5. ISAAC, born January 26, 1659. |
| 3. JACOB, born Jan. 12, 1655 |     | 6. ELIZABETH, b: Feb 1, 1663.    |

**SAMUEL**, above named, born September 11, 1656, married Mary daughter of William Foster, November 12, 1682; died April 22, 1722. His Will is on record in the Probate office in Ipswich. His children were—

- 1 HANNAH born October 2, 1683; married Judah Clark. April 5, 1701.
- 2 SAMUEL, born July 20, 1687; died August 14, 1761.
- 3 DAVID born March 12, 1689.
- 4 MARIA born July 21, 1695; died September 24, 1710.
- 5 JEDEDIAH born April 30, 1699; died February 4, 1759.
- 6 ELIPHALET born 1706; died June 4, 1752.

**ELIPHALET KILBORN**, above named, married Jane, widow of Nathan Frazier and daughter of Mark Prime, in 1745; their only child was Jane Kilborn, born April 15, 1746; she married the Rev. Samuel Williams, of Bradford, Mass., May 5, 1768, and died in Rutland, Vermont, March 21, 1829. The children of the Rev. Samuel and Jane Williams were—

1. Jane Williams, born January 22, 1769; married Nathan Osgood, Esq., and died May 18, 1818.
2. Samuel Williams born Oct. 6, 1770; d. March 1, 1808.
3. Leonard Williams, born at Bradford, November 8, 1775; died March 23, 1812.
4. Charles, b. at Bradford, Dec. 8, 1779; d. the next year.
5. Charles Kilborn Williams, b. Cambridge, Jan. 24, 1782.

[This completes the genealogy from George Kilborn, down to Chief Justice Williams, in his line of descent. Judge Williams married Lucy G. daughter of the Hon. Chauncey Langdon, Apr. 24, 1817. Their children were:]

1. Lucy Jane, wife of John Strong; Charles Langdon, grad. H.C. 1837; Caroline Maria; Charlotte Eliza; John Warham—died 1828; Laura Lathrop—died 1847, aged 19; Mary Augusta; Chauncey Kilborn; Samuel.

Letter from the Rev. Dr. Jeffreys, of Hawkhurst, England.

*Parsonage, Hawkhurst, Kent, England, }*  
January 5, 1848.

SIR—Your letter addressed to the Parish Clerk of this village, was brought to me a week or two since, as the party doubted about taking it out, as there was something to pay for it. Seeing it came from abroad, and thinking it might be of importance, I undertook to charge myself with it, and I now proceed shortly to reply to its contents.

RICHARD KILBURNE, Esq., Author of the Survey of Kent, published in the year 1659, lived and died at Hawkhurst. His house, called "Fowlers," is now the property and residence of his descendant, Captain Sir Richard Grant, R. N. Mr. K. was a man of some eminence in his profession as a lawyer, having been five times Principal of Staples Inn, London. He was also esteemed as a Magistrate and Historian. He died Nov. 15, 1678, aged 74. He lies buried in the North Chapel of Hawkhurst Church, and on a flat stone, under the floor of the present vestry, is the following inscription—"Hic jacit Ricardus Kilburne, Arm., quinquages principalis hospitii Stapulensis, Lond. Patriae ornamentum, emolumentum. Ob 15 Nov. 1678, aet. 74."

The said Richard Kilburne married Elizabeth, daughter of William Dave, of Beccley, in the County of Suffolk. There is a small tomb in the Hawkhurst Churchyard over, as I suppose, three children of this marriage.

The inscription on the stone is as under—

"1633—4—S. Here lye interred the Bodies of Mary, Richard and John, children of Richard Kilburne, of Hawkehurst, Gent. and Elizabeth his wife."

He left an only daughter and heir, ANNE, who was the second wife of Thomas Brewer, Esq., of West Farleigh, in Kent, who thereby became possessed of Fowlers. They had two sons, John and Philip, and a daughter who married Davis. John succeeded his father at West Farleigh. Philip had Fowlers, but dying unmarried in 1721, aged 35, from a fall from his horse, the estate went to John who died in 1724, and was succeeded by an only daughter, Jane, who surviving two husbands and leaving no issue, left Fowlers to John Davis, D. D., son of Davis above mentioned, who was succeeded by his only son, Sir John Brewer Davis, Knt.

The Kilburnes were originally of Kilburne in Yorkshire, whence they went into Cambridgeshire and Essex. The above named Kilburne was the son of Isaac Kilburne of London, who was the 3d son of John Kilburne of Saffron Walden in Essex.

The said R. Kilburne and his wife Elizabeth bore for their arms—Argent, a chevron azure between three bald cootes proper. Their Pedigree is entered in the Visitation of London by St. George Richmond 1634.

There is a Mr. Kilburn who lives in Hawkhurst at this time, and who keeps a Classical and Commercial Seminary, but he is no relation to the above.

Below are two extracts, marked A and B, from our Burial Register. I conclude A to be the daughter of Mr. R. Kilburne; and B to be her son, who in that case survived her one year.

A "Buried, 1720 July 5—Ann Brewer, Gentlewoman, widow."

B "Buried, 1721 June 3d—Phillip Brewer, Gentleman."

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

HENRY JEFFREYS.

\* "Here lies Richard Kilburne, Esq, five times principal of Staples Inn, London, He was an ornament and benefit to his country," &c,

## The Origin and Meaning of the Word, KILBOURN.

[From Prof. GIBBS, of Yale College—one of the most eminent Philologists of the age.]

New Haven, March 11, 1848.

P. K. KILBOURN, Esq.—My Dear Sir: I have directed some little attention to the origin and meaning of your family name, and would suggest the following derivation—

KILBOURN, "cold stream," is a word of Anglo-Saxon origin—being compounded of *Kil*, a corruption of Anglo-Saxon *cald* or *cæld*, 'cold'; and Old Eng. *born*, Anglo-Sax. *burne*, 'a stream' or 'brook';—being applied first to a stream, say in the neighborhood of London, then to a village situated on the stream, and then to a family derived from the village.

In support of this explanation of the name, I would suggest,

1. That many family names are borrowed from names of places, there being hardly a village in England which has not given rise to a family name.

2. That *Kilbourne* is the name of a village or hamlet near London, and *Kilburn* the name of two towns—one in Derbyshire the other in Yorkshire.

3. That there is a stream called *Coldbourne*, which flows through *Kilbourne* near London. See the enclosed extract from Gorton's Topographical Dictionary.

4. The Anglo-Saxon word *burne*, denotes, according to Bosworth, 'a bourne, stream, brook, river.' It is not to be confounded with the English word *born*, 'a boundary,' which is derived from the French *borne*; nor with *born*, in the names *Seaborn*, *Winterborn*, *Newborn*, which is probably the participle *born*.

5. The syllable *Kil*, has, I apprehend, no connection with *Kil*, given in Webster's Dictionary, which is of Dutch origin. I know of no better explanation than that which is implied in the enclosed extract from Gorton.

As it respects the family of *Kilbourn*, I have examined Burke's History of the Commoners of Great Britain and Ireland, 4 vols. London, 1836--8, but do not find the name in any of its copious indexes. Should I learn any thing new on the subject, I will endeavor to communicate it.

Yours, with respect,

JOSIAH W. GIBBS.

[Extract from Gorton's Topographical Dictionary of Great Britain and Ireland, 3 vols. 8 vo. Lond. 1833.]

"Kilbourne, county Middlesex.

London, 6 m NW by W.

"A hamlet in the parish of Hampstead and Holborn division, of the hundred of Ossulston, was at one time celebrated for its mineral spring. Coldbourne stream, which rises near Westend, Hampstead, and from which this place takes its name, passes through Kilbourne to Bayswater; and after supplying the serpentine reservoir in Hyde Park, flows into the Thames at Ranelagh."

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**From Great Britain.**—Any information relative to the name or family of *Kilbourn* in Great Britain, will be very gratefully received by the author of this volume.

Litchfield, Connecticut, (U. S. A.) April 1, 1848.



## Letter from Goodwin Kilburn, Esq.

*Hawkhurst, Kent, England, 20 March, 1848.*

*My Dear Sir*—I was agreeably surprized to receive a letter from you about three weeks since. Although perfect strangers to each other, I anticipate much pleasure from our correspondence, as the subject you have introduced to me is one I have long felt an interest in, and determined, whenever opportunities might occur, to search into. You may suppose from this, the information I can at present give you is very limited. Such is indeed the case, but from the inquiries I am making, I hope to be able to make some approaches towards solving the problem stated in your letter. Whatever may be the result of my search, I think you may at least reckon on receiving all the information connected with the name that I can collect. I have known Hawkhurst and this county about 16 years, but have resided here as Principal of this School only since Michaelmas 1846. I am a native of Norfolk, where my father and sister now reside, and where I lived for some years previous to the above date.—Easton, a village about six miles west of Norwich, is where I first saw the light, and where we possess a small piece of "mother earth," which I hope may long continue to be called by our name. This, however, came by my mother, whose maiden name was Goodwin. My father (Isaac) is nearly 75 years of age, and has lived at Easton about 50 years. He came from a village some 40 miles from Easton, on the borders of Cambridgeshire, where his father and mother resided. How long they had lived there, I cannot now say, though probably in a few weeks I shall know. My grandfather died when my father was four years old. He was in very humble circumstances, and unless some account be found of him upon the parish books, I do not expect to unravel much of his history. From the fact of my father having left his native place young, and his father dying early, we have known but little of the family; but as I intend to visit the neighborhood in the summer, if I possibly can, and make search and inquiry among writings and old people, I have no doubt I shall find out many things which I am at present ignorant of. My father has two sisters and some nephews and nieces living there. I am not aware that I have any relative more distant than a first cousin. The name is by no means a common one, and I am not personally acquainted with any one bearing it except our own family. There are a few in London and elsewhere, but their residences I cannot now name. I have been told there are several at Kilburn, or Kilbourne, a village near London.

I believe you are already in possession of a few of the facts respecting the family bearing our name who resided in this place about 200 years ago.—Whether the RICHARD KILBURNE who wrote a "Topographie, or Survey of the County of Kent," and who is buried in this church, was the last of his family, I know not. Several of his children, who died young, are buried in the churchyard, of which their gravestones bear witness to this day. Richard K. says in the preface, [the book was published in 1659,] that he had resided up-

wards of 35 years in the county ; and under "Hawkhurst" he states he resided there upwards of 28 years, " God's providence having there lent him an inheritance," but he does not say where he was born, or where his family had previously resided. These and some other particulars I hope to be able to discover before long.

I should have replied to you before, but being in correspondence with a friend in the western part of Norfolk on the subject, and having some reason to hope he could give me information, I have delayed until now. I find he does not live so near the places as I expected, and I must therefore wait a little longer for information from that quarter. Though the assistance I can at present afford you is exceedingly small, I do not hesitate to reply to you, that you may at least know that you have a correspondent who quite enters into your views of the matter, and who will assist you as far as possible in attaining your object.

Do you know the cause of the Kilburns leaving England in 1635?—the year in which Charles the First promulgated the canons for ecclesiastical jurisdiction. Was their departure connected with religion at all? Those were severe times for all whose consciences were too rigid to please royalty.

Believe me to remain, my dear Sir,

Your obedient servant, and remote kinsman,

GOODWIN KILBURN.

### **Hon. Byron Kilbourn.**

This gentleman, (in addition to the public stations heretofore mentioned,) was a member of the Convention which assembled at Madison, on the 15th of December, 1847, and formed the State Constitution of Wisconsin, which was subsequently accepted by the people. As Chairman of the Committee on the General Provisions of the Constitution, he drew up and reported the clause defining and establishing the Boundaries of the State—the clause on Amendments of the Constitution, &c. At the first election under the City Charter of Milwaukee, in 1846, Mr. Kilbourn was elected an Alderman: and on the 11th of April, 1848, he was chosen Mayor that city by a vote of 1,198, to 998 for his competitor, Gen. Rufus King. He was also President of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal Company.

The Milwaukee Courier of May 7th, 1845, contained an able article reviewing the claims of gentlemen who had been proposed as candidates for Congress, from which the following extract is taken. After speaking of Messrs. Upham and Darling, the writer continues—

"BYRON KILBOURN is unquestionably a man of superior abilities, the characteristics of his mind being liveliness of perception, acuteness of understanding, searching penetration, indefatigable perseverance, and withal common sense. Never satisfied with any subject that occupies his attention till it is reduced to a demonstration, he is calculated to sift every word, thought, motive and action, to the bottom. These powers were propagated and extensively exercised by the practice of his profession of engineering; and it may be thought that his habits of severe thinking, and of repairing from trivial conversation, have rendered him less popular with the mass than others. He has even been accused of be-

ing aristocratic in his feelings ; but we venture to affirm that if ever democracy found a genial habitation, it has found it in the breast of Byron Kilbourn. He would as willingly shake the hand of the farmer, or mechanic, and grasp it as tightly too, as that of the first man in the nation. His whole soul is absorbed in the welfare of Wisconsin, and the breath of slander would fail to impeach his integrity : falsehood alone could successfully asperse his character. Suffice it to say the distinction lies here—Upham or Darling would be the more effective candidate before the people : Kilbourn would be the most efficient Representative on the floor of Congress."

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### Captain Charles L. Kilburn, U. S. A.

General Jefferson Davis, in his official Report of the Battle of Buena Vista, after referring to the temporary giving way of the Mississippi Regiment, says,

"The regiment was formed again behind the first ravine we had crossed ; soon after which we were joined by Lieutenant KILBURN, with a piece of light artillery, and Colonel Lane's the third regiment of Indiana volunteers.— Lieutenant KILBURN opened a brisk and very effective fire; the enemy immediately receded ; we advanced, and he retired to the mountain. No senior officer of Lieutenant K's corps being present, it gives me pleasure to bear testimony to the valuable services he rendered, and to express my admiration of the professional skill and soldierly qualities he manifested."

Major Bragg, in his official account of the same battle, says—

"Finding, when I arrived, that the attack had been made and repulsed, I directed my attention to the large infantry and cavalry force which had turned our left flank, and was still advancing. At this time I saw that Lieutenant KILBURN had joined me with his gun. He had been actively and gallantly engaged in my vicinity during the greater part of the day ; but my close occupation caused me to overlook him."

"Of Lieutenant KILBURN, whose coolness, efficiency and gallantry came under my personal notice, I cannot speak in terms more complimentary than he deserves. His services to me are invaluable, whether in the camp, on the march, or in action."

In May 1848, Lieutenant Kilburn was promoted by the President of the United States, to the Brevet rank of *Captain*, "for gallant and meritorious conduct in the battles of Buena Vista, Mexico, on the 22d and 23d of February, 1847, to date from February 23, 1847."

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### The Ancient Kilbourn Homestead,

[At Wethersfield, Conn.]

Nathaniel Goodwin, Esq. of Hartford, (under date of May 22, 1848,) writes—

"FRANCES KILBOURN, your ancestress, (her husband having deceased before the distribution of the town was recorded in 1639,) had a home lot of three acres, on the west side of Broad Street—being the same lot, together with another home lot next adjoining on the south, originally Samuel Smith's—now known by the name of the "Chester Place"—a beautiful situation. The Kilbourn lot, either in whole or in part, remained in the hands of the Kilbourn family to and including the fourth generation."

MR. DAVID KILBORN, of Litchfield, was a Delegate to the Protestant Episcopal Convention of Connecticut in 1792, '93, and '94—the first named being the Convention by which the Constitution of said Church was adopted. He was also for some years the Senior Warden of St. Michael's church in Litchfield.

JEDEDIAH SAGE KILBOURNE, *M. D.*, was appointed Physician to the Cholera Hospital in Troy, N. Y., in 1832. For several past, he has been a practicing physician and surgeon in the city of New York, where he still resides. He is also well known as a popular Lecturer on Physiology, Materia Medica, &c.

DR. RALPH KILBOURN, of Montpelier, Vermont, was President of a political Mass Meeting in 1844, of "unprecedented numbers;" he has also been one of the "State Central Committee" of the party with which he acts.

# K I L B O U R N

## Historical and Genealogical Society.

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AT a primary meeting of several members of the KILBOURN Family of the United States, holden at the Astor House, in the city of New York, Saturday, the 15th of April, 1848, (being the two hundred and thirteenth anniversary of the embarkation of the ancestors of said family from London for New England,) J. SAGE KILBOURN, *M. D.*, of the city of New York, was called to the chair, and PAYNE KENTON KILBOURN, of Litchfield, Connecticut, was appointed Secretary.

The objects of the meeting were briefly stated by the Secretary.

Several interesting communications from and relative to the Kilbourns of Great Britain, were read by Lieutenant CHARLES L. KILBURN, U. S. A:

After an hour or two spent in a free and social interchange of sentiments and feelings, it was, on motion of Rev. JAMES KILBOURN, of Bridgewater, Conn.,

*Resolved*, That, regarding the Kilbourns of this continent as the members of one common though long scattered family, it is expedient to form a Society for their *re-union*.

A Committee appointed for the purpose reported the following form of a Constitution, which was unanimously adopted.

## C O N S T I T U T I O N .

*Article 1.*—This Society shall be called the “Kilbourn Historical and Genealogical Society of North America.”

2.—The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, twenty Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and a Central Committee, who shall be chosen at each General Meeting of said Society.

3.—The object of this Society shall be the collection and preservation of such facts, data and documents as shall serve to illustrate the history and genealogy of the Kilbourn Family on this continent, from the arrival of the ancestors of said family in New England, (A. D. 1633,) to the present time.

4.—A primary object of this Society shall be the collection and preservation of facts, data and documents relative to the history and genealogy of the Kilbourn Family in Great Britain, both before and since the arrival of our ancestors in New England; and to this end the co-operation of our namesakes in the father-land is earnestly and hopefully solicited.

5.—All printed documents and manuscripts transmitted to either of the Secretaries, post paid, shall be entered upon the Records of the Society, or be otherwise preserved—and be laid before the Society at each General Meeting thereof.

6.—Any person bearing the name of Kilbourn, and being descended from George or Thomas Kilbourn, may become members of this Society by paying into the Treasury thereof the sum of One Dollar.

7.—Persons who have descended from the Kilbourns through female lines, or have married into the family, or, (if bearing the name,) belong to other than the American branches of said family, may from time to time be elected Honorary Members of said Society.

8.—All officers, members and honorary members of this Society shall at all times have free access to the records and documents belonging to or deposited therewith, with the privilege of copying the same.

9.—All letters and communications received by the Corresponding Secretary, in any way relating to the Kilbourn Family, shall be preserved and laid before the Society at each General Meeting thereof.

10.—The power to call primary and general meetings of this Society shall be vested with the Central Committee, with the concurrence and advice of the President.

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Family Records, Biographical Sketches, Historical Reminiscences, Epitaphs, &c., of or concerning our namesakes, are hereby solicited, and will be entered upon the Records of the Society.

## Officers of the Society.

### *President,*

HON. JAMES KILBOURNE, of Worthington, Ohio.

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